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Slight drop shown in citizen confidence

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Police response times and the "helpfulness" of city employees and council members ranked the most significant drop in citizen confidence over the last six years, according to a recent "Neighbor to Neighbor" public opinion telephone survey initiated by the City of El Cerrito. A drop in the latter category is not considered statistically significant, however. Though confidence in both has decreased only slightly, consultant Jennifer Franz, who compiled the results of the 430 completed interviews, advised City Council members that they might want to examine the meaning of those particular responses.

Of the 430 respondents, 38 percent had been involved in a situation in which the police were called in the two years preceding the survey. That figure compares to 40 percent who had reported the same experience in a 1990 survey.

Of those who'd had the experience, about 40 percent said the police arrived "very shortly" after they'd been called; about 35 percent said they came "almost immediately." Together, 75 percent were reporting a positive experience, compared to those who said it took "a while" or "a long time" or that the police "never came" (1.9 percent). (In addition, 6.3 percent of respondents did not recall the response time.)

In 1990, 91 percent of the respondents reported a positive experience, with 58 percent reporting an almost immediate response and 33 percent saying they arrived shortly after being called.

In a related area, respondents generally found the El Cerrito police to be "helpful" and "courteous," to varying extents, when they've been called.

Franz believes the changed perceptions regarding response times are not surprising in light of the times, when crime is increasing and residents are becoming generally uneasy.

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Trash cleanup ordered

Owners of the Food Bowl and International House of Pancakes properties have been notified by the city of El Cerrito to clean up the site. Trash and debris has been dumped and is collecting on the property. The city has received several citizen complaints. The properties in question are located at 11755 and 11757 San Pablo Avenue.

District, parents working to improve school seismic safety

By Peggy Thow

ALBANY — Concerned that retrofitting of Albany school buildings has not yet begun, despite passage of a bond measure three years ago authorizing money to do so, a group of parents held an informational meeting on April 24 at the Community Center. A number of Albany residents attended, as did School Superintendent Dale Hudson and two members of the Board of Education.

The meeting quickly developed into a question-and-answer forum between group members, including a structural engineer who lives in Albany, and school officials.

The parent group, which calls itself "Retrofit Albany Schools Now," told what they currently know about seismic risks at Cornell Elementary School and

at Albany High School. As members of their school PTA Emergency Preparedness committees, they have attended school board meetings and say that information presented there has been sketchy at best.

Although they have heard preliminary reports based on visual inspections by a licensed structural engineer, only a detailed risk level analysis of the buildings will assure them of their children's safety, they say.

To substantiate their call for more specific information, group organizers Carlo Ferretti, Jacques Berchten, and James Carter introduced structural engineer Steven Brokken, an

Albany resident and father of a first-grader at Marin School.

Brokken, who works for a San Francisco firm that analyzes military buildings for seismic safety, explained

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'If the risk level in school buildings is low, you may be justified in putting off the retrofit while you construct new buildings.'

—STEVEN BROKKEN, STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

Resident arrested at school board meeting

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Tuesday night's School Board meeting came to an abrupt halt when an Albany resident attempted to dump bags of trash on the floor during public comment.

It was not the first time Dave McMahon, a neighbor of the high school, came to the board complaining about a proliferation of trash around the high school and his concern that nothing is being done by the city or school to correct the problem.

"My intent is to talk about public safety. There is drug paraphernalia

in this trash, there are empty alcohol containers in this trash," McMahon said, proceeding to lay out a tarp and dump out three bags of trash he said were collected from around school property.

The display prompted quick outrage from School Board members, who immediately adjourned the meeting and called the police, who arrived within 15 minutes and immediately arrested McMahon, without giving him the option of leaving the premises.

"This is an absolutely inappropriate thing to do," Boardmember Ed McManus said of McMahon's behavior.

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Forum focuses on youth

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — It didn't take a large turnout at last week's Community Forum on Youth to find that improving opportunities for the city's youngest residents depends on improving city life for everyone.

About 25 people gathered at Albany Middle School last Wednesday to talk about steps the city might take to make a better environment for the city's youth. The forum was held by the city's fledgling Youth Task Force in an attempt to garner

community input for a youth master plan to be written for city adoption.

While everyone agreed the endeavor is worthwhile, the forum only drew about seven residents who were not task force members.

Despite the low turnout, there was no shortage of ideas for making Albany a better place for kids to grow up. Improved educational opportunities, acceptance of ethnic diversity, expanded recreational activities and support services for youth were key on the 10-page list of goals drawn up

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Berkeley to join cardroom lawsuit

By Greg Hugunin

BERKELEY — After an entertaining debate from a plethora of cardroom opponents and supporters, the Berkeley City Council voted unanimously to support an appeal of a lawsuit opposing the proposed Golden Gate Fields cardroom.

More than 80 people crammed into a sweltering council chamber Tuesday night in an attempt to sway the council's decision, which was made during closed session in the wee hours of the morning. Berkeley will now be filing an advisory, friend-of-the-court brief in support of the suit filed by the Citizens for Responsible Government. The non-profit group hopes to overturn the result of a 1994 Albany election authorizing Ladbroke Racing Inc. to construct a 150-table, 24-hour cardroom at Golden Gate Fields.

The council also heard a presentation by John Ford, Ladbroke's vice president and general counsel, who apparently failed to dissuade it from supporting the lawsuit. The suit is currently on appeal after the CRG lost in Superior Court, and the case could drag on into 1997.

A cadre of more than 50 cardroom opponents seemed to engulf one side of the room during the public comment period preceding the meeting, holding placards which read "Amicus Now," and "Support the Brief!" On the other side of the room sat perhaps 20 cardroom-supporting union members who held up cards saying "We Support Jobs."

Debate over the issue dominated the comment period, with cardroom opponents at times standing before the council with children under their arms, urging them to support the law-

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Alternative school plan proposed

By Dawn Frasier

Plans proposed by the Albany Unified School District to build a new middle school close to the El Cerrito border continue to be controversial for neighboring residents, who anticipate that comings and goings from the school might negatively impact both traffic and parking in the area.

The new middle school will be built at Brighton and Spokane avenues on a site formerly owned by the Hill Lumber company. A narrow portion of the site lies within the city of El Cerrito. Just a few doors north of the school, Spokane Avenue becomes El Cerrito's Behrens Street. Neighbors have significant concerns about parking and traffic impacts.

The El Cerrito City Council has officially submitted a list of concerns to the School Board. Council members also support a full environmental impact study of the project.

Now Albany Mayor Mike

Brodsky has submitted an idea to Albany's Superintendent of Schools Dale Hudson which might provide a solution to a variety of mutual concerns. In a letter dated April 3, Brodsky proposed that parking for the new school might be located in a designated area of the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot and that access to the school from the lot be provided by a pedestrian path next to a restored Cerrito Creek.

He said the idea had first been proposed by an El Cerrito resident. In his letter, Brodsky noted that the use of the Plaza lot would address traffic, parking and creek concerns and that it would not require significant redesign of current plans.

"The idea came from a walk-through Mike and I did on the site with a couple of people from the neighborhood," said Redevelopment Agency Chair Norman La Force. "We were trying to figure out what might be done; Mike suggested that we rethink how we want access to the area reconfigured."

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Buddying up

Magician Jay Alexander handed birthday girl Mu Ping, 7, a poodle balloon and balloon hat during the Buddy Club's season finale performance at the El Cerrito Community Center last Sunday. The group will open its 11th season in Albany this October, specializing in magic, comedy and birthday celebrations. Call 652-SHOW (7469) for information.

Chester King Vega

Confessions of a pack rat

BY THEIR UNDERWEAR shall ye know them.

Going through and totting up someone else's personal belongings is never necessary for a pleasant reason that I can think of. I already knew my mother as well as I ever would when I was called to Florida to go through her closet and drawers arrayed as they were when she went off suddenly to a hospital, never to return.

Olive Larsen wasn't much of a snapper-up of unconsidered trifles so mostly everything — her frillies, half a bottle of henna rinse, curlers, hair net and the like — was for current use. I kept a ring given to her by Aunt Frances, a set of dishes and home-crocheted antimacassars which rest on the arms of my new couch as we speak.

What seems weird to me in retrospect was that her neighbors in the senior citizen condos began appearing at the back and front doors. Could they have the pots and pans, the towels, the this and the that, they asked. "Sure, take them," I said in my distracted numbness and they picked the place quite clean.

THE GARAGE SALE of Jacqueline Onassis' second-best goods may have enhanced the Camelot fantasy, but she herself remains as hidden as ever. Her personal and valuable stuff was given to friends and museums, or tossed, before the hoopla began.

I notice that the 40 carat diamond, valued at \$600,000 and sold for \$2.4 million, and other gifts to the lady from Aristotle Onassis were up for sale, suggesting what John and Caroline thought of him.

There's more to the Jackie sale than the antics of a bunch of people who have more money than they know what to do with. Bidders go into a hypnotic frenzy at auctions. They get caught up in a competitive game and the numbers lose their dollar signs. The object is to "win."

The winners of Jackie's things already are suffering hangovers and wondering how they're going to pay, I hear — probably not including Arnold Schwarzenegger who paid \$775,500 for a set of golf clubs swung by President Kennedy, secretly so no one would confuse him with Eisenhower.

IN A WORLD ABOUT as far away as you can get from Sotheby's, the formerly anonymous nerd, Ted Kaczynski, also had the detritus of his life totted up recently. The crew of FBI men who went over his things with a fine tooth comb cataloged 700 items which, they say, tell on him. His 10 x 12 hut was stuffed with books, typewriter, stacks



By Phyllis Lyon

of written-on paper, the tell-tale artifacts of the author, not to mention the wires and gadgets of his other hobby.

Now famous, Kaczynski lost his status as a recluse when they led him away for a bath and a haircut. Next thing we know someone will be paying a million-two for his chemistry set.

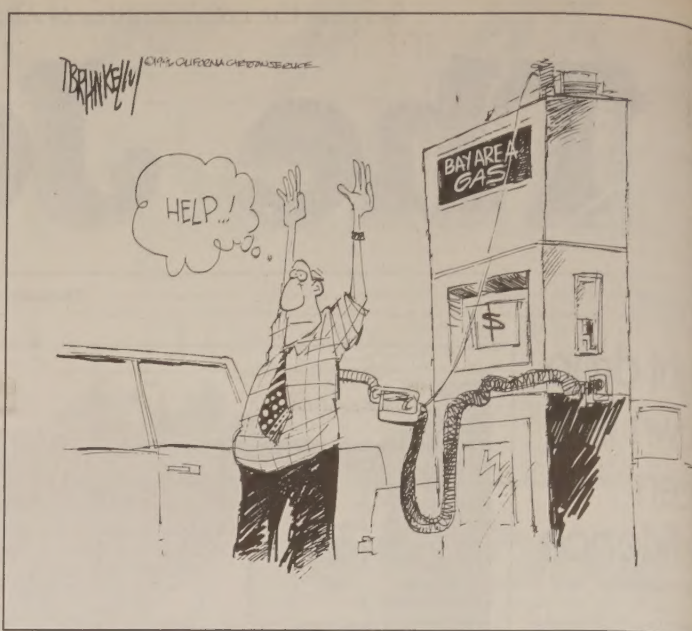
THESE EVENTS SET ME looking at the stuff around my house with new eyes. Barring the off-chance that I marry a President and/or a Greek tycoon or get investigated by the FBI, I envision my children loading a dumpster set up in the front yard when I go wherever I may go, never to return.

Turns out, I see, the necessities in my scatter are already recycled. I rescued my fifties Wedgwood stove, my twenties bridge lamp and the couch I watch teevee on when my old pal Mildred put them out on her front porch for the Salvation Army years ago. My upright Steinway piano, originally built in New York City in 1896 for a dentist in Milwaukee and so beautifully played over the years by my late great brother-in-law, Carleton Lyon, weighs a ton. I expect it to fall through to the basement any day.

There's a faux Tiffany lamp I bought in Truckee, a little copper ashtray from Niagara Falls, eight years worth of Journals waiting to be cut up and attached to my resume, piles of city hall history repeating itself. And there's my treadle sewing machine on which I made so many little girls' dresses and Halloween costumes ...

ANYONE WITH GOOD SENSE, except me apparently, could predict where this kind of inventory would lead. I see now it's one thing to watch someone paw through Jacqueline Onassis' or Ted Kaczynski's things and quite another to go over your own.

A favorite poster on my wall is a color photograph of the big blue marble taken from the moon. On it is a quotation from Soren Kierkegaard: "Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards." Good point.



Police Reports

Numerous car break-ins reported in Albany

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — During the early morning hours of April 27, all on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue, thieves; entered a 1987 Honda Civic, prowled the car making a mess and stole eight audio cassettes from the glove box; entered a 1964 Cadillac convertible and stole a few items, broke into a gray 1990 BMW 750i and stole the handset to a cellular phone, broke into a silver 1994 KIA LS sedan and prowled the trunk area but didn't take anything. In all the cases there were no witnesses.

During the early morning hours of April 24 thieves stole the license plates from several cars parked on the 1100 blocks of Talbot, Cornell, Stannage and Evelyn avenues. The thieves used tin snips to cut the 1997 registration tags off the license plates and then discarded the plates. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of April 21 vandals attempted to steal a red 1993 Ford Mustang parked at Golden Gate Fields by forcing a knife into the ignition trying to start the car. They abandoned the attempt prior to completing the theft. There were no witnesses.

Between 5 p.m. on April 23 and 7:30 a.m. on April 24 vandals spray painted a 1991 Toyota Camry parked on the 700 block of Talbot Avenue. There were no witnesses.

During the early morning hours of April 25 vandals spray painted the sides and hoods of five new cars parked on the 500 block of San Gabriel Avenue. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of April 25

officers discovered that graffiti had been spray painted on the exterior of the Memorial Building. They also learned that paint had been sprayed on the exterior of various buildings at Albany High School, and inside the gym and pool buildings. Officers are considering a couple of suspects based on the type and style of the graffiti and are investigating the various other episodes of vandalism with spray paint this week to determine if there is a connection.

Unknown vandals sprayed graffiti on the exterior walls of the Memorial Building on April 21. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of April 22 officers contacted a Berkeley man on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue who appeared to be intoxicated. He did prove to be intoxicated and was arrested. He was subsequently found to have an outstanding felony "No Bail" warrant from Contra Costa County in the amount of \$50,000. He was transported to Martinez Detention Facility.

On the evening of April 22 officers responded to reports of a drug deal happening on the 1100 block of Curtis Street. Neighbors reported seeing a black male teenager in a tan colored van handing something in a ziplock bag to another black male who was standing outside the vehicle. The van and subjects were gone when officers arrived but officers noted that this is the second call of this nature at this location.

On the night of April 23 thieves stole a purse from an unattended car parked on the 600 block of Spokane Avenue. There were no witnesses.

At about 2:30 a.m. on April 24 Albany officers observed 17-year-old El Cerrito boy attempting to flee and was taken into custody after a foot chase. He admitted the commotion transported to Juvenile Hall.

Between 8:30 p.m. on April 23 and 7:30 a.m. on April 24 thieves broke into a car on the 1000 block of El Cerrito Avenue, stole the in-dash radio and departed unseen.

Between 2:30 p.m. on April 26 thieves entered the fenced yard of a residence on the 800 block of Solano Avenue, stole an unlocked MOTIV mountain bike and departed unseen.

At about 12:45 a.m. on April 27 officers observed a vehicle leaving the scene of a traffic accident and chased it. They were able to stop the vehicle which was being driven by a year-old Albany boy with a year-old Albany boy as a passenger. They were arrested and released to their parents. Notice to Appear.

On the morning of April 27 an Albany woman came to Albany station and turned in drug paraphernalia she found in her son's backpack. She asked that the items be destroyed.

During the week of April 27 Albany officers fingerprinted five people at their request towed one car, responded to false alarms, attended to a deceased raccoon, assisted people who were locked out of their house or car, and responded to one report of a barking dog.

Letters to the Editor

Mock election success

The Journal received a copy of the following open letter to all students and staff who participated in the Mock Election held at MacGregor High School and Albany High School on March 21:

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville wishes to congratulate each and every one of you for making this Mock Election a very successful event.

First and foremost, the League thanks all the students who voted. You made the effort to educate yourself on the candidates and issues and then took the time to vote.

Staff and student volunteers at both sites put in hours of extra work to make this election possible. The participating staff took the nonpartisan voter information material we provided and got it to as many students as they could, with class discussions to provide chances for further discussion. Student volunteers helped provide publicity, talked it up in their student organizations, attended training sessions, prepared voting rosters, and participated at the voting tables during the actual Mock Election.

The League initially approached the Albany Superintendent of Public Schools, J. Dale Hudson, in January and he passed his approval on to the two principals of the schools involved, Connie Hubbard of MacGregor High School and Virginia Behm of Albany High School. We applaud their decision to include Albany high schools in this nationwide event.

Our thanks to the volunteers at MacGregor High School:

Students: Simona Blatz and Rebecca Allen.

Staff: Connie Hubbard, Phyllis Giblein, Barry Shapiro, Susan Charlip, George Fosselius, Sally Benjamin, and Scott New on the custodial staff. Parent volunteer from Albany High School: Carla Harkness.

Our thanks to the volunteers at Albany High School:

Students: Rocio Cedillo, Tommy Hampton, Maren Robenson, Vic Munroe, Antonio Botello, Yi Yi Chang, Thais Yafet, Brandon Franklyn, Devon Franklyn, Lauren Mack, Lindsay Kagawa, Brian Schweitzer, and Michael Schakow.

Staff: Karen Fisher - staff project coordinator, Bruce Downing, Jody Schroeder, Bob Allegrotti, Melise Munroe, and Norvelle Harrison on the custodial staff.

PTA: Kay Weinstein and Kim Guilfoyle. Parent volunteers from Albany High School: Hilary Modell, Marsha Skinner, Pamela Milin, Nancy Caton, Gayle Williams, Rod Wentler and YiKang Lo.

Parent volunteers from other Albany school sites: Theresa Rumjohn, Ann Miley, and Jean Royson.

Albany community members: Ellen Anderson (LWV), LaNelle Clack (LWV), Eleanor Cox (LWV), Phyllis Lyon, Michael Feiner, Bruce Mast, Ed McManus, Haruko Nagaisa (LWV), Thelma Rubin, Peggy Thomsen, and Phyllis Zisman (LWV).

League volunteers from general membership, Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville: Anne Wallach (who organized this event in all five high schools in the three communities and whose life became the mock election), Miriam Hawley, Judy Nadadegawa, and Pat Wadleigh.

Many other League members were involved in

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By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A Richmond male juvenile was arrested for setting fire to the underbrush at Cerrito Vista Park at 11 a.m. April 17.

There were seven arrests for driving under the influence. On April 18, at 12:05 a.m., an El Cerrito man was arrested at San Pablo Avenue and Cypress. The next morning, a Richmond woman was arrested at 1:51 a.m. at San Pablo and Wall; she was discovered to be in possession of a "crack" pipe.

A San Pablo man was arrested at Peerless and Gill at 12:20 a.m. April 20; an Albany woman was arrested at 3:15 a.m. the same morning at San Pablo Avenue and Hill.

A Fremont woman was arrested at Central and Yolo at 3:10 a.m. April 21; a Berkeley man was arrested at San Pablo and Central at 11:45 p.m. that night.

A Richmond man was arrested at Potrero and South 47th at 12:04 a.m. April 25.

A residential burglary was reported in the 800 block of Richmond Street. A Richmond man is accused of entering the

home between noon and 1 p.m. April 18, then taking miscellaneous items and the victim's vehicle.

Four unsuccessful attempts were made to steal motor vehicles.

A 1989 Jeep Cherokee's steering column was smashed in an attempt to hotwire it at El Cerrito Plaza April 15. Someone tore apart the steering column of a 1980 Olds Cutlass in the 6400 block of Central between April 17 and 18.

During the night of April 23, someone pried the ignition switch of a 1990 Honda Accord in the 5300 block of Silva Avenue.

Between April 23 and 24, the ignition switch of a 1980 Datsun 280Z was pried in the 800 block of Shevlin Drive.

A 1983 Buick Riviera was stolen in the 1200 block of Elm between April 16 and 17.

A bicycle was reported stolen from in front of J.R. Muggs at 3 p.m. April 15. A young male juvenile was seen.

An Atwater man and a Los Angeles man were arrested for stealing plastic bottles and aluminum cans from the El Cerrito Recycling Center.

Mail was reported stolen from a mailbox in the 5400 of Silva between April 4 and 5.

Rocks were thrown through a house in the 900 block of 53rd Street April 16, causing some damage to the house.

A vehicle window was broken in the 6600 block of Central Boulevard during the night of April 16; a vehicle window was smashed in the 6300 block of Wall on the afternoon of April 21.

Someone smashed a larger door window in the block of Lexington between 9 p.m. and 9 p.m. April 17.

Two incidents of domestic violence were reported.

Shoplifting arrests were reported at: Big 5 Sporting Goods (a San Pablo male juvenile, a Pinole female juvenile, a Hercules female juvenile, a San Pablo woman and a Berkeley man), at Jay Vee (two El Cerrito male juveniles, a Richmond man), at Lucky, El Cerrito Plaza (a Cerrito male juvenile, a Richmond male juvenile, a Richmond man, an Albany juvenile and a Rodeo male juvenile).

Volunteer effort makes a difference in El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — City Council and staff members are always pointing to volunteers as essential elements in the successful life of the community in El Cerrito. Marilyn Goodman is a great example of someone who's using her time and talents to better the lives of those around her.

For one thing, Goodman volunteers each week at the Good Stuff Thrift Shop on San Pablo Avenue at El Cerrito. The shop is run by the Contra Costa Association of Retarded Citizens. Funds raised support the organization's efforts to advocate for, and provide direct services to, developmentally disabled persons.

She and her husband, Nelson, are active volunteer ushers at theaters in the East Bay and San Francisco; she also provides office help as needed at Cal Performances.

But Janet Hildebrand, branch manager at the El Cerrito Library, is most appreciative of Goodman's volunteer efforts in the "Books for the Homebound" program.

Through Goodman's efforts, thousands of El Cerrito residents are still able to use the resources of their community library.

She joins three other volunteers in the program.

"I am a librarian; I worked in public libraries, all different kinds of libraries, most of my life," says Goodman, who has lived in El Cerrito for 17 years.

"When I stopped working full-time (in paid positions), I decided to go in for different volunteer activities."

Goodman began working one morning a week at the El Cerrito Library, doing a variety of projects.

She was responsible for completely overhauling the pamphlet file, for example, weeding out old material, bringing it up to date, and generally making it easier for library patrons to use.

She enjoyed the work, though Hildebrand was happy to give her a different kind of task.

"Marilyn was doing some boring tasks," from Hildebrand's point of view. "She had been a librarian, and I wanted to give her something more challenging."

The Contra Costa Library sys-

tem has had a similar program in place for some years. Different libraries have participated to varying extents.

"Within the first month or two after I began at El Cerrito, I had a request for homebound services," said Hildebrand. "I asked Marilyn if she wanted to visit (the caller). She's been very active in the program; now she's taking materials to two homebound residents on a regular basis."

The "timing was good" for both Hildebrand, who was new to the library and enthusiastic about expanding its services, and Goodman, who had just returned from visiting her own homebound father in Las Vegas.

"Before my father was restricted to his home in Las Vegas, I had never been aware how many home services can be available in a community with many older people," she said. "I couldn't stay with him, so I had made arrangements for him to receive the services he needed. I was very grateful to find so many resources in the community."

"I had just returned home when Janet asked me about this program."

Along with agreeing to visit herself, Goodman went to the El Cerrito Senior Center and asked for help in finding people who might enjoy the service — those who receive Meals on Wheels at their homes, for example.

"We called around to ask if there was interest in getting books or other materials from the library," she said. "...This is a service to people who for one reason or another are restricted to their homes. Basically, we bring the library to them."

Goodman emphasizes the fact that the "library" doesn't just mean the traditional books.

"We have videos," she said. "I'm delivering video tapes, movies and foreign films to one of the women I visit. We also carry books on tape and books with large print."

According to Goodman, the program is still quite small, though it's been in place for two years. Hildebrand would like to enlarge it; she currently has two homebound residents waiting for a volunteer to help them access



Volunteer Marilyn Goodman serves customer Katja Hodel at the Good Stuff Thrift Shop. Goodman typifies the spirit of volunteerism in El Cerrito.

the library's resources.

Though some potential volunteers have some anxiety about what to expect, Goodman has found the experience to be both "comfortable and encouraging," a simple way to make a big difference in someone's life.

"In the beginning, you get to know the person, learn about their interests," she said. "Both the women I visit are quite precise about the kinds of things they want."

Training for volunteers is offered on a regular basis, as a result, the program has vastly improved from three years ago, said Hildebrand.

"Originally, only the librarians picked out the materials to be delivered. Now, volunteers are trained how to use interesting book lists, how to figure out what things people are interested in and how to find them, as well as tricks in using the library catalog."

Hildebrand has had great feedback from the training course. Even those who felt they were already well familiar with the computer catalog have commented about all the new things they've learned.

Sensitivity training is also a part of the two-hour course.

"The volunteer activity includes a little time for visiting with the residents over this shared literary interest," said Hildebrand. "But there are things it does not

include — doing errands for the person, for example. Library staff can help with some of these boundary issues, and we do, of course, have lists of referrals when needed."

The sharing of the one interest is enough to make a difference in someone's life.

"Volunteers provide a vital link to library services for homebound or convalescent home patrons," said Susan LaPat, volunteer coordinator for the county library system. "Without the volunteers, they probably would not have access to the materials."

Many such programs throughout the U.S. have the same affect: Meals on Wheels can have, LaPat went on to say.

"It can provide a vital link not just to the library but to outside contact in general."

In Contra Costa County, she said, "when I get calls from people requesting the service, they're thrilled to find that this is something we provide."

The program is free of cost to homebound residents.

Volunteers are needed for the El Cerrito Library's "Books for the Homebound" program. A training session is scheduled for May 15, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way.

Volunteers may sign up for the training at the El Cerrito Library or at any other local branch.

Kaiser looking to save new Richmond facility

By Mark Hurty
Special to The Journal

For months Kaiser Permanente has been trying to figure out a way to shut down inpatient operations at its aging hospital facility in Oakland while retaining outpatient services.

To that end, the health plan announced in January that it was negotiating with three local hospitals to contract for hospitalization services for its members. Negotiators had hoped to wrap up talks in 90 days but that deadline is fast approaching, and, according to Kaiser Vice President and Area Manager Don Oxley, "There is still quite a bit more to do to secure that deal."

"We are meeting and having productive discussions," said Nancy Hoppel, director of community relations at Summit Medical Center one of three hospitals negotiating with Kaiser.

"We're working toward building an effective alliance, and we aren't sure exactly when that will be finalized."

In the meantime, Kaiser continues to shakeup the foundation of its own infrastructure.

Not long after talks started with Summit, Children's Hospital Oakland, and Alta Bates Medical Center, Kaiser officials began to worry that their brand new, 50-bed inpatient facility in Richmond was in jeopardy of closure. More than half the Richmond hospital's beds are empty on a daily basis. The Richmond facility shares an operating license and much of its administrative overhead with the larger Oakland hospital. With the proposed closure of the Oakland hospital looming, Kaiser realized the small Richmond hospital would have trouble surviving on its own.

The possibility of a partnership in Oakland has brought protests from Kaiser employee unions, who fear the arrangement would mean a loss of jobs. But at Kaiser's hospital in Richmond, a partnership may be the only way to save jobs.

"We would love to have a viable

operation that would provide services in the Richmond area," said Oxley. "But we don't have enough volume, quite frankly. What's happening in Richmond is the same thing that's happening everywhere else—utilization is dropping. But it's a community that needs us."

"Our commitment to that community is historical," Oxley points out, noting that Kaiser's roots are as deep in Richmond as they are in Oakland, having operated a hospital there since the 1940s. "It's more than cold hard business logic, but we feel that we have a responsibility to the Richmond community."

On the other hand, if Kaiser administrators can't find a way to make the hospital financially viable, they will have to take a closer look at the

option of closing it.

"The status of health care in West Contra Costa County is in a state of flux," Oxley said, "and several organizations have approached us, informally, and expressed interest in our building. Kaiser is going to follow up with those other parties and explore ways to share the cost and responsibility of maintaining our hospital facility in Richmond."

Oxley added that there are pressing health care needs in that area, and said the HMO is calling out to the other institutions in the East Bay to see who is interested in being a partner in helping Kaiser to meet those needs. While he declined to name any of the half dozen or so potential suitors, spokespersons at Summit Medical Center and Alta Bates Medical Center said they had received letters and were considering their options.

"We're interested in exploring further," said Alta Bates spokesperson Carolyn Kemp. "We are one of the organizations that had already contacted Kaiser informally about their Richmond facility. We see it as a potential component of our East Bay Medical Network, a key to the good health of the Richmond community."

'We would love to have a viable operation that would provide services in the Richmond area.'

— DON OXLEY, KAISER VICE PRESIDENT

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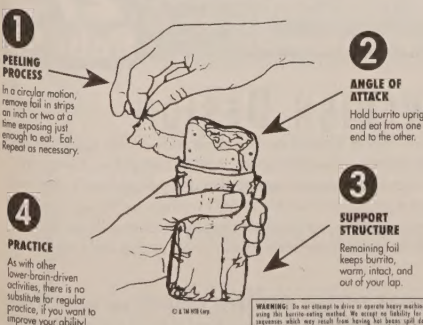
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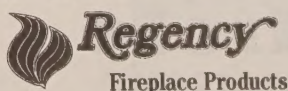
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Goings on About Town

Events, meetings, classes...

See "Babe" and help support Berkeley East Bay Humane Society on Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m. at Emerybay theaters. Tickets \$5, \$4; \$3.50 for groups of 10 or more. Also, the society will host a rummage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 6-11, during Be Kind to Animals Week. 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Call 845-7735 for information on both events.

Mayor Shirley Dean comments on changes and challenges facing Berkeley in a League of Women Voters-sponsored talk on Thursday, May 9, at noon in the Parlor Room at Northbrae Community Church, 841 The Alameda. Everyone welcome. 843-8824.

"Living and Dying Today," a talk and weekend of teaching with Sogyal Rinpoche, Tibetan Buddhist master and author of *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying*, begins Friday at 7:30 p.m. at MLK JR. High School with sessions Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Summit Medical Center in Oakland. Call 644-3922 for registration and information.

The Nautilus Institute hosts Professor Robert Scalapino speaking on "Geo-Economics and Pacific Security" on Tuesday, May 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m. 1831 Second St. Refreshments. RSVP 204-9296.

"Arthritis—Basic Facts" will be presented by the Arthritis Foundation on Monday, May 6, 1:30-3 p.m. at Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut, Berkeley. Free.

Mac users: Berkeley Macintosh Users Group (the world's largest) offers free Mac classes to the public Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m. Call 549-2684.

Easy Going hosts Judith Gifford, author of *The Packing Book: Secrets of the Carry-On Traveler*, tells how to pack for three weeks and two climates in a carry-on bag on May 9 at 7:30 p.m. Free. 1385 Shattuck Ave. at Rose, Berkeley. 843-3533.

Presbyterian Women of St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave., meet Thursday, May 9, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Speaker is Dillard Gartenberg, who attended the non-governmental women's conference in China last year. For reservations call 527-3052 or 848-1350.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center: May 9, 11 a.m.: Robert Parmelee presents a Sonoma Valley Historical Society

program. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

Black Oak Books—Tonight: David Mura, *Where the Body Meets Memory: An Odyssey of Race, Sexuality and Identity*; May 5 (6 p.m.): Elaine Kagan, *Blue Heaven*, and (&30) Marion Winik, *First Comes Love*; May 6: Sandra Scofield, *A Chance to See Egypt*; May 7: Ruth Sidell, *Keeping Women and Children Last*; May 8: Evelyn Lau, *Other Women*; May 9: Laura Kasischke, *Suspicious River*. All at 7:30 p.m. Shattuck Avenue at Vine, Berkeley. 486-0698.

Lego 500 and Soap Box Derby Weekend at Lawrence Hall of Science features cars powered by kids and gravity. Indoor race track for LEGO and DUPLO kid-built cars (may not exceed 7x2.5x3 inches.) Saturday and Sunday. Call 845-7735, noon to 4 p.m.

Western Institute for Social Research in Berkeley celebrates its 21st anniversary May 3 at 6:30 p.m. with a reunion with poetry and music, a potluck and a multicultural elephant sale and auction. 655-2830.

Revolution Books: Carl Dix, national spokesperson, Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, speaks at 7 p.m. May 1. \$2 donation. 848-1196.

Educational workshop on Alzheimer's disease is Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 2320 Channing Way, Berkeley. To register call 434-3388 or 800-445-8106.

Center for Psychological Studies hosts Rick Masiel, Ph.D., on "The Narrative Perspective in Working with Abuse" on Friday, May 3, noon to 1:30 p.m. 1398 Solano, Albany. 524-0291.

City Commons Club: May 3, 12:30 p.m.: UC Visiting Professor David Satterwhite on "Reconciliation and Peace on the Korean Peninsula." 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 848-3533.

Picture Book Time at the El Cerrito Library runs through June 6. For ages 3 to 5, 11 a.m. Thursdays. For information call 526-7512.

The Street Survival Workshop, presented by Berkeley Community Police Liaison Committee and Oakland Citizens' Police Academy Alumni will be held Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Columba's Church, 6401 San Pablo Ave., Oakland. Police officers will demonstrate ways to handle potentially perilous



At Berkeley Rep

Berkeley Rep presents "Missing Persons" Tuesday through Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. with matinees Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. The Craig Lucas play, directed by Penny Metropoulos, runs through May 26. For information call 845-4700. Left, clockwise: Addie Pencke (Joy Carlin) recalls her son Hat (James Newcomb as a boy (Eli Marienthal).

situations; also a discussion of personal safety devices. For more information call Marcy McGaugh at 848-4990.

REI: "Climbing Mt. Shasta," with Tom Keating, provides information and slides on the topic at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

New School of Berkeley celebrates its 30th anniversary with a fair and block party Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Bonita Street between Cedar and Virginia. Live music, Flamenco demonstrations, vegetarian cafe, games, Waterworks, book and plant sale..... 548-9165.

Asian Pacific Islander Children's Fair features origami, storytelling, dragon masks and a Vietnamese fan dance demonstration at Berkeley's South Branch Library, 1901 Russell, on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Vista College presents "Export Management and Trading Companies," for trade professionals, on Saturday, May 4. \$6.50 (California residents). 2020 Milvia, Berkeley. 841-8860, ext. 271.

UC presents math lectures by Professor Peter Sarnak of Princeton

University. May 7: "Zeroes of zeta functions and random matrix theory, I," 4 p.m., 4 Le Conte; May 8: "Zeroes of zeta functions...II," 4 p.m. Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Hall; May 9: "Equidistribution on hyperbolic manifolds," 4 p.m., Sibley Auditorium, Bechtel Hall. 842-8204.

Gala Bookstore—May 2: Judy Olaisen and her mom, Vivian, *Mother*; May 3: Diane Tuttle De Laet, *Giants & Heroes: On Sports and Transcendence* (performance with harp and Greek lyric poetry); May 4-5 *Mothers Appreciation Day*; May 7: Harriet Lerner, *Life Preserver: Staying Afloat in Love*; May 8: Peter Rutter, *Sex, Power & Boundaries*; May 9: Laxmi Hirenath, *Laxmi's Vegetarian Kitchen*. All at 7:30 p.m. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 848-GALA.

Women's vision for the future: Long Haul Infoshop, 3124 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, hosts a discussion for women only Monday, May 6, 6:30-9 p.m. 540-0751.

Biologist Eugene C. Scott, who has appeared on *Crossfire*, *Headlines on Trial*, *Morning Edition*, *The Pat*

Buchanan Show, *All Things Considered* and *Nova*, will address the conflict between pseudoscience and science being fought in the schools on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, Kensington, Dr. Joel Fort, ethicist, will moderate. Free.

Women's Medical Services at Alta Bates hosts a free lecture on "Coping With Labor Pains," Tuesday, May 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m. 2450 Ashby, Berkeley. 204-1334.

Berkeley Hiking Club: Mt. Diablo, Northside (843-3829); mini-hike: Mitchell Canyon (465-3225).

Judith Goldsmith, author of *Strawberries in November*, leads "Introduction to Gardening," a class sponsored by the Ecology Center, Saturday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. \$5/\$4 sliding scale—no one turned away. Register at 548-2220.

North Berkeley Senior Center. May 3: Video opera, 1 p.m.—*Salome*; May 6: "Telling the Truth About Yourself," with Lollie Leving, 10:30 a.m.; May 7: Slides,

discussion on "The Jewish Cycle" with Murray Rosenblatt, p.m.; and Pranic healing demonstration with Hector Ramos, 1 p.m.; May 9: movie, 1 p.m.—*Green Man*; May 10: Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107.

"Dealing Effectively with Habitability Issues," a workshop conducted by the Berkeley Housing Center will be held May 9 at noon at the Law Library, 2125 Milvia St., Berkeley. 644-6128.

Cody's Traveler's Tales editor Habegger will share stories about destinations tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Anita Barrows and Joanna translators and editors of *Rick's Hours*; May 7: Melissa Fay Goff, *Temple Bombing*; May 8: Len Pogrebin, *Getting Over Getting*; May 9: Robert Shapiro, *The Justice*. All at 7:30 p.m. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

Turning Point Career Center University YWCA: Drop-in groups starting Mondays, 10 a.m. and Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$5 members, \$10 non-members; May 6 to 6:30 p.m.: job hunter's orientation; May 7: "Teaching ESL as a Second Language" 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Berkeley. 848-6370.

"The Hidden Meaning of Words" Bob Trowbridge's topic May 9 at 7 p.m. at Hillside Church, 1422 Hill St., El Cerrito. 848-7762.

Performances

Students from Longfellow Thousand Oaks and Lexington, the direction of Tobey Kaplan, will perform spoken word performances, and High and Willard Jr. High students read tonight at 7 p.m. at the Book Store Gallery, 2230 Shattuck Ave.

Berkeley Community Chamber Orchestra present Faure's "Requiem" Brahms' *Schicksalslied* and "Brandenburg Concerto No. 6" May 5 at 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 1640 Addison, Berkeley. Preconcert talks begin 50 minutes before the concert. For more information on the chorus or performances call 2145.

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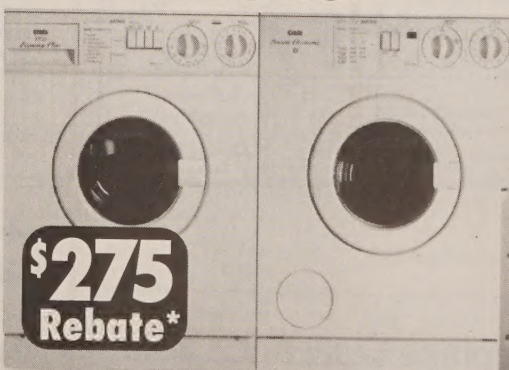
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Citizens' petition captures signatures

Elissa Mikiten looks on as Albany resident Robert Harkness signs a petition on Solano Avenue last weekend to qualify Albany's Citizens' Appointee Protection Initiative for the November ballot. The citizens' group has collected 900 signatures of the 1,452 needed to place the matter of grounds for dismissal of volunteer members on city boards and commission before voters.

EC Police seek robbery suspect

Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The arrest of a second suspect in connection with last week's armed takeover robbery at Grand Auto is pending, according to El Cerrito detective Robert Spearman.

"We have probably identified

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the second suspect," he said.

Three men entered the store last Monday, April 22, at about 5:30 p.m. According to Spearman, they hurried four employees and a customer to a back room in the store, then tied their hands and forced the store manager to open the safe.

The robbers then fled by vehicle with the cash received; one of the suspects was armed with a

handgun.

"We arrested one individual the next day," said Spearman, crediting "investigative leads" with the quick arrest. He considers the second arrest pending, but the third man has not yet been identified.

The police were notified of the crime by an unidentified citizen who called in the report; they arrived as the victims were untangling themselves.

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Bates 'sweat-equity' bill passes first test

At a time when most Democratic members of the state Assembly are at a loss as to how to move their agendas forward, Assemblyman Tom Bates is actively pursuing a new approach to reducing the massive debt owed by the WCCUSD to the State of California.

Currently, the district pays an average of \$4 million per year, approximately \$134 per student, to retire the debt the district incurred during the late 1980s. The district's debt payment schedule extends until the year 2007. The debt payments further disadvantage students in the WCCUSD, which expends \$4,408 per student compared to the statewide average of \$4,874.

Although Bates was instrumental in shaping the bailout package which allowed the district to continue functioning following the 1991 bankruptcy, he has made little progress in convincing the legislature or governor that the debt be forgiven or further reduced.

Because so many districts face the possibility of financial collapse, the argument has been that allowing the WCCUSD to not repay its debt would open the door to the same kind of financial irresponsibility in other districts. Additionally, the fact that our school district is predominantly Democratic does not earn us favor with a Republican governor and now a Republican-controlled state Assembly.

Bates has risen to this challenge with a new bill, AB 3446,

which last week passed its first test by being voted out of the Assembly Education Committee, the first of six steps the bill must make on its way to approval.

AB 3446 enables school districts to reduce their debt by the amount of volunteer work or financial contributions they receive. Essentially, it would allow the WCCUSD to reduce the amount of its debt and debt payments by the amount of sweat equity generated by parents, community members and the business community.

For example, the value of labor contributed by a community work party to clean or renovate a school would be deducted from the amount of the debt. Or a business contributing a new computer system to a school would not only help the students who receive the gift but the district as a whole by reducing the district's debt by the value of the donation.

Dion Aroner, Bates' Chief of Staff and Democratic nominee for the Assembly seat Bates is vacating due to term limits, said there is "a very good chance of getting the bill through."

The bill targets both the WCCUSD and the Coachella School District, a district

represented by a Republican in the Assembly, and has therefore garnered bipartisan support from both Democrats and Republicans.

Aroner called the bill a "win-win" situation for both the community and the state in that it "recognizes and encourages volunteer support for our schools. It invests in parents and invites a deeper level of commitment from the business community."

Portola student wins contest

Congratulations to Petchavan Markpol, an eighth-grade student at Portola Middle School, who won a \$500 savings bond from Heinle and Heinle Publishers for an essay on cooperation. Markpol was nominated for the award by Portola teacher Dorothy Herzberg and presented the essay on Friday, April 19, to the California Association of Teachers of English as a Second Language.

Want to receive "West County School Watch" and additional WCCUSD-related information and alerts delivered to your e-mail address? Send the message "Subscribe WCSW" to pakglen@aol.com.

El Cerrito native makes dean's list

Julietta Compagno of El Cerrito has been named to the dean's list at the University of Washington for Winter Quarter of the 1995-96 academic year.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must be taking at least 12 graded credits and have a grade point average of at least 3.50 out of 4. Compagno is a sophomore.

Obituaries

RUTH BLUMBERG

Wife of the late Irving Blumberg, son of Paul and Bob, grandmother of Alan, and Nathan, sister of Minnie, Carl Shier, and Annette Karsh, loving and best friend of many, died peacefully April 18 at age 85. Widowed at 37 in 1950, this brave lady rebuilt a new life for her family in California. She will be remembered by hundreds of gifted students passed through her office at UC Berkeley where she directed the Committee on the Gifted. Her gentle soul will live in the hearts of family, friends and those whose lives she touched so deeply. Friends are invited to attend a memorial service for her life on June 8, 3 p.m., at the Community Center 1414 Walnut Street, Berkeley.

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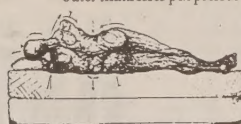
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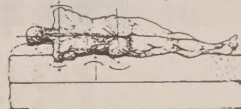
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Goings on About Town

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Ashkenaz: Tonight: Sheryl Cormier; May 3: Los Angelitos and Jazz Iguanas; May 4: Entre Nos and Aquarela; May 5: Joyful Noise Jazz Band and Lyuba; May 7: Greek Folk Dance with Ted Sofias; May 8: Al Rapone; May 9: Trilliam Green. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley: Production of Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers*, a Pulitzer-Prize Winning comic-drama. Through May 11. 528-5620. Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. 528-5620.

Trinity Chamber Concerts hosts Anne Victoria Banks, soprano, and Kristin Pankonin, pianist, performing the music of Berkeley composer John Adams on Saturday, May 4, 6 p.m. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. 549-3864.

Tempelbar: Pumeana Musicians and Dancers of Polynesia. 934 University Ave., Berkeley.

Spit Out Your Gun...It's School Policy, a funny play by and for teachers (and everyone else) is at the Speakeasy Theatre Fridays and Saturdays through May 4. 2016 Seventh St., Berkeley. For reservations call 933-6841.

Marijo the Storyteller sings songs and tells stories and folktales for kids May 4 at 10:30 a.m. at La Peña. \$3/\$2. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-9397.

Black Repertory Group presents the *Bubbling Brown Sugar*, a musical review based on the golden years of Harlem. "Soul-revitalizing, soul-riveting sounds" include songs like "Sweet Georgia Brown," "Ain't Misbehavin'," "God Bless the Child," and more. Tickets are \$3 to \$10. Thursdays and Saturdays through June 2. 3201 Adeline, Berkeley. Call 652-2120.

C.P.E. Bach's String Symphony, Boccherini's Concerto for Violinello and Orchestra, and Mozart's Great Mass in C Minor are on the program for American Bach Soloists on May 5, 7:30 p.m. First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley. 415-435-5235.

"Poetry in Song," Voci, the women's chamber ensemble, performs poems by Brahms, Randall Thompson, Michael Hurd and others in lyric settings. Two performances, Friday, May 3, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 at 4 p.m. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 527-5240.

Poet, author and translator Chana Bloch reads poems about Jerusalem Sunday at 7 p.m. at Afikomen, 3042 Claremont, Berkeley. Sponsored by the Judah L. Magnes Museum.

Salsa and Latin jazz mark Cinco de Mayo at the Berkeley Central Library, 2090 Kittredge beginning Friday, May 3, with the all-woman salsa band, Azucar y Crema (dancing encouraged, free soft drinks.) Pianist, composer and author Rebecca Mauleon and her quintet perform Saturday, and on Sunday, Claudia Gomez sings Latin jazz. All events begin at 8 p.m., with free ticket distribution beginning at 7 p.m. 644-6100.

Red Cafe: Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m.: Steve Packenham & Friends: 1941 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

Starry Plough: Tonight: Pneuma, Dreamland, Mumble & Peg; May 3: Baby Snufkin, Dervish; May 4: Guano, Mingo 2000; May 9: An acoustic evening with 3 Finger Spread, Squat & Gobble, That One Guy, Flaming Nihilists, Chrissy MacLean. Open electric blues jam Sundays at 8:30 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-1424.

Yoshi's—Ivan Lins through Sunday; May 6: Mel Martin Quartet and Mel Martin and Bebop & Beyond; May 7: Anne Dyer and the No Good Time Fairies; Ben Goldberg Quartet; May 8-9: Cyrus Chestnut trio. 6030 Claremont, Oakland. 652-9200.

Religious Activities

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists — May 5, 10:30 a.m.: "Morsels from the Barrel." The Rev. Joel Sholefield speaks. Children's program and childcare. 1924 Cedar at Bonita. 841-4824.

Tibetan Art: May 5 6 p.m.: "Images of Compassion," images of Bodhisattvas, with Zara Wallace. Free. Nyingma Institute. Call 843-6812 for more information.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church — Saturday, May 5: Pastor Jim Stickney preachers from John 14:1. Monthly potluck breakfast at 9 a.m. with collection of nonperishable food for local food pantries. At 4 p.m., evensong with the Tallis Singers. 1501 Washington Ave., 525-1716.

Exhibits

Gourd crafting demonstrations, music on gourd instruments and a new book titled *The Complete Book of Gourd Crafts*, are highlights of a celebration/book signing at The Caning Shop this

Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. 926 Gilman St., Berkeley. 527-5010.

Susan Brooks and Carol Lee Shanks show their art-to-wear clothing and jewelry when they open their studio this weekend from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1250 Addison St., Berkeley. 845-2612.

"Coming Into the Light," color photography by Jim Callahan, Andy Acquistapace and Rosemary Murphee at Albany Arts Gallery. Through May 16. 1251 Solano Ave.

El Cerrito Art Association's annual art show is at the community center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Friday through Sunday. A reception and awards ceremony will be held Sunday at 3 p.m.

"Exotic Faces of the World from Bali and Belize to Berkeley and Back," works by Tom Siporin, are at the El Cerrito Public Library through May 6.

Prints, paintings and mixed media works by local artist Jennifer Dannenfeldt are on display at the Red Cafe, 1941 University, Berkeley, through May 14.

North Berkeley Library Quilt Show. Through May 11. 1170. The Alameda.

"A glimpse of Brazil — visoes do Brasil," a photo exhibit by Susan Sawah Louie, is on display at Cafe Vox Populi at La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, through June 2.

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Alexandra Von Burg are featured in "Once Upon A Time?," an exhibit at New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. A reception Friday, May 3, 7:30 p.m. opens the show, which runs through June 6. 527-6779.

Magnes Museum — "This Year in Jerusalem: The Passionate Pilgrimage," celebrates 50 rare and beautiful objects from that city through July 14. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

Preview showing of "The Treasures of Pergamon," a collection of the art and architecture of Pergamon, will be held Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. The accompanying reception is sponsored in part by the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute,

which is affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Tickets for the reception and preview are \$50. Reserve at 415-681-1033.

Richmond Art Center: West County Open Studios Preview Exhibition runs May 3-25. The West County Open Studios tour was organized by El Cerrito artists Emily Duffy, Lisa Greenstein and Hershell West, and is expected to include some 40 potters, painters, sculptors and other artists and craftspeople. A reception will be held Friday, 6 to 9 p.m. 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 620-6772.

Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies welcomes artists Joan Alexander, Glenn Johnson and Gail

Shafarman at a reception mixed media show on Friday, 7 p.m. The show runs through May 13. 1398 Solano Ave., Albany.

Support groups, self-

American Schizophrenia Association - Alliance for the ill monthly support group will meet Wednesday, May 8, 7 to 8 p.m. Claremont Branch Library, 400 Benvenue, Berkeley. 841-4301.

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Talbot Street Preschool a new member

When Susann Fishman opened the Talbot Street Preschool last August, she recruited all caring professional staff with over 20 years of combined experience and related education, bringing a depth rarely found in a neighborhood preschool. A mother of two children, Fishman is the preschool owner and director. She has five years of experience working with children in her preschool serving the communities of Montclair, Oakland, Piedmont and Rockridge.

The school's goal is to provide a nurturing and joyous environment for the overall development of the child. Since children learn through play the school offers a wide diversity of opportunities to explore and discover. It is in play that all of the individual elements of the child, social, emotional, cognitive and physical, work together.

"Play involves opportunities to explore, create, invent, test, and discover," Fishman stated. "Children learn best by developing problem-solving skills and becoming active agents in their own education when faced with developmentally appropriate play opportunities. We believe each child is unique and learns at his own pace. Our challenge is to build on a warm, supportive environment while children learn through play. Each child is regarded with respect and is encouraged to respect differences in others."

The program includes dramatic play, creative arts, sand play, science, water play, pre-literacy play, enrichment (music, library movement, etc.), large motor play and more.

Located at 919 Talbot Ave., the preschool has been converted from a three-bedroom

home, providing a homey feeling, and yet it gives a preschool atmosphere. The outdoor play area has all preschool play equipment. Children bring their own box lunches while the school provides two snacks daily. There are openings for both full- and part-time care.

A native of Finland, Fishman loves nature walks with her family. Husband Richard owns RAF Mortgage. Son Alex is six and daughter Allison is one year old.

"My future is most exciting, as I want to continue with school. I feel I can make a difference in children's lives in their formative years. For discipline we use a very gentle approach. We do not use 'time out.' Instead, we talk through a conflict so a child will feel respected and nourished," Fishman said. For information, phone 528-4401.



Dance Instructor Jim Beatty teaches students at the Talbot Street Preschool every Friday.

Albany Day at the Races

Albany Day at the Races guests should look for the Albany Welcome Booth as they enter the north entrance (Buchanan Street) at Golden Gate Fields, Saturday, May 11, where they will pick up a welcome information packet and a lapel sticker giving special seating near the finish line. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with the first race starting at 12:45 p.m. Chamber of Commerce volunteers will be at the welcome table (look for balloons) from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Guests wishing the reserved seating must be there by 2:30 to pick up the lapel sticker allowing them to the upper level. Albany Day at the Races tickets will be honored all day for those who arrive later. To add to the festivities, Golden Gate Fields representative Joel Brewster plans to have a

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



musical group playing favorites near the welcome booth. Winner's and donor's names will be posted at the booth.

Albany and El Cerrito residents should watch their mail for two free admission and reserved seating tickets mailed by Golden Gate Fields. The welcome booth is for both the raffle tickets and the tickets mailed.

Guests can bet on or watch the simulcast \$400,000 Pimlico Special. Guests also have their choice of a variety of food and drinks. Conveniently located refreshment booths serve sandwiches, barbecue, Chicago

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Winners will be notified by mail or phone.

Please note: All money collected for the non-profit organizations from the raffle is given to the participating groups. Golden Gate Fields does not receive any of the funds. Everything comes back to the community.

Call the Chamber of Commerce for information at 525-1771 weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Albany YMCA holding benefit

ALBANY — Join the Albany YMCA, Saturday, May 18, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the fifth annual Wine and Food Tasting and Silent Auction to raise funds to support youth and adult programs.

Taste a wide variety of premium California wines and gourmet foods from such popular eateries as Britt Marie, Lalime's, Chez Panisse, Citron, Magic Garlic, Rivoli, Grace Baking, Royal Cafe, Chestnut Tree Catering, Semifreddi's, Starbucks, Peet's

Coffee & Tea, Cafe Grace, Jane Hammond Catering, Bread Workshop, and Toots Sweets.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. A children's pizza-tasting party and child care are available for children of attendees at the YMCA Kids' Club Center on Solano Avenue (\$5); advance registration is advised.

The Albany YMCA is located at 921 Kains Ave.

For more information, call 525-1130.

SCHOOLS: Plan For Summer & Fall

Summer camps increasingly popular in Northern California, survey finds

San Rafael, California (April 15, 1996) Northern California summer camps are very popular and likely to stay that way, according to an annual survey by the American Camping Association (ACA).

Northern California day camps report that enrollment in 1995 was about 95% of total capacity. Resident camps fared almost as well, with average enrollments at 85% to 89%. The majority of camp directors expect that enrollment will be the same or better this year.

The survey also found that:

- 75% of the day camps had larger enrollments in 1995 as compared to 1994. Day camps had about 27% more campers last year, while resident camp increased their enrollment about 11%.

- Over the past five years,

enrollment at day camps has increased an average of 63% while resident camps have increased enrollment about 10%.

- Approximately 75% of 1995's day campers had been to camp in previous years.

- More than 25% of the counselors had college degrees or higher. About 13% of the camps' 1995 staff were minorities. Another 13% were from foreign countries.

- About 7% of the total camp population were family campers. Nationwide, family camps have increased 500% since 1985.

- Virtually all respondents believed that the summer-camp experience helps children develop self-esteem, confidence and inter-personal skills.

"This survey reflects national trends that show more and more

parents are recognizing the social, emotional and intellectual benefits of summer camps," said Ken Graft, president of the northern California Section of the American Camping Association.

"We encourage interested parents to consider camp early in the season, so that they will be able to get their children into the camps of their choice," he added. (Nationwide, parents are making camp arrangements earlier and earlier each season.)

To help parents select an appropriate camp, the ACA publishes a free directory of ACA-accredited Northern California summer camps. The booklet lists more than 100 day and resident camps, as well as approved camp sites. In addition to the more traditional camps, the directory includes family camps, special-

interest camps and camps for special populations. Interested parties can request the 1996 edition by calling (800) 362-2236 or can download the information from the World Wide Web (<http://www.camping.org>). To request an ACA speaker to address your organization on camping, call (800) 362-2236.

Founded in 1910, the American Camping Association is the only organization in the United States providing accreditation to all types of camps across the country. ACA accreditation verifies a camp complies with up to 300 individual health and safety and program-quality standards established for living areas, food service, emergency preparedness, program practices, health care, personnel, transportation and administrative procedures.

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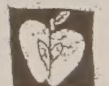
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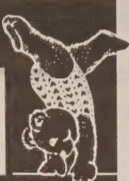
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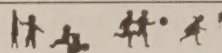


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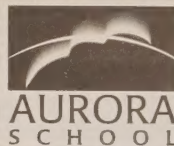
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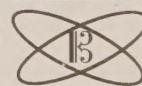
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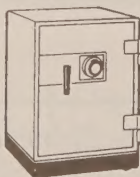
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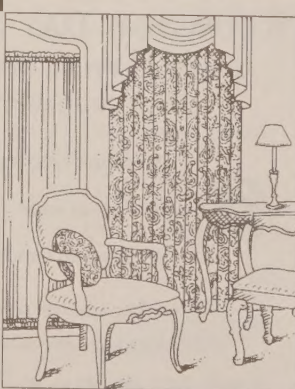
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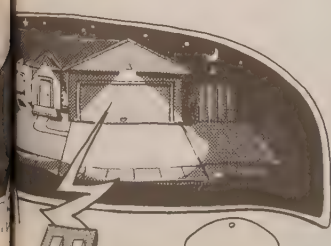
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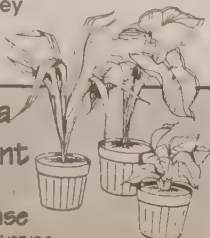
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Kensington teacher excites students' interest in science

When the Kensington Preschool holds its sixth annual Science Fair on May 4, that woman with the proud and happy smile will be Joan Massler, who introduced the concept of teaching preschool children when she came to the school six years ago.

Joan Massler loves the school, loves the children, the parents and her co-workers. She has very special words for director Val Thomas, who, from the first, was a friend as well as an employer. Massler tells us that about three weeks before she was to start on this job she broke her leg. Val Thomas, she says, held the job for her until she was able to get around, and she appreciates that. She says working there is like having an extended family, and that, too, she appreciates with all her heart.

The science idea, and the following Science Fair, were an inspiration — inspired by what she did not have in her youth. She did not go to preschool, but remembers that in kindergarten they did nothing hands-on. Everything was taught to them. She had always felt that this was not the right way to do things.

In preparation for our interview Joan wrote out her philosophy as a teacher, and I think it is worth repeating just as she wrote it:

"I try to excite the young child, and motivation follows. Introducing science to young children in a fun, interesting, challenging, open-ended, hands-on way does this. I think I, as a teacher, can help make a contribution to the future of the earth.

"Science is not a mysterious, hard-to-master subject, as I was taught when I was a kid. Kids naturally love planting, playing in the soil and taking care of animals. Having open-ended questions really helps.

Everybody has an idea or question, so I take advantage of that. 'Telling' is not really teaching. Kids learn best by direct, first-hand experiences, not by a teacher telling them what will happen.

"Children need to be active participants. I think that anyone can create an exciting and successful science area if they want to. Using simple materials

'Kids naturally love planting, playing in the soil and taking care of animals.'

and basic ingredients of baking soda, water, vinegar, balloons, air candles, and eggs can lead to a lot of fun experiences.

"I try to excite them, and end up getting excited over their enthusiasm." And Joan illustrates this last idea by telling of young Hugo, a child from France who had not yet mastered English. When the children first put their hands in the dirt, Hugo's "Ooooooh, La La!" said it all. "I agreed," said Joan.

Massler has been going to Contra Costa College, taking early childhood education classes, which do help her in her work, but the science idea is her own, "one of those things that kind of happen," she says. And she adds, At first, I asked myself, what kind of a teacher would I like to have? And that is when the idea of participation and challenge came to her.

Another thing both her classes and her experience have taught her: Children have their own way of doing things. You just have to provide a good, safe environment for them to do it. She says she has "learned a lot about science from the children."

Recycling is one of the things she teaches in the science classes. "It helps me to help them make a big contribution to this world." So the school puts on a 'no-garbage' lunch. Containers are washed and

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



reused. And, of course, all yard scraps and paper are recycled — so that wherever they are the children always ask, "Where is the recycling bag?"

Joan Massler is from East Rhode Island, and came out here in 1972 to work with the Co-op. When son Jacob was small he attended the JCC (Jewish Community Center) preschool. The teacher then told her she should be a preschool teacher. When Jacob got older she found she missed being around little kids. "Now I have 32 of them everyday!"

Always, as we talk, her thoughts return to the Kensington Preschool Science Fair, and to what it does for the children. She remembers last year hearing one child say to another, "Well, if you don't know how to do it I can help you. I know how. I go to Kensington Preschool." And she beams.

She speaks of the children helping to put together seed packets which they will give as gifts to people attending the fair. "In 35 minutes they made 72 bags," she boasts.

The Kensington Nursery School is held in the back of the church at 52 Arlington Ave. in Kensington, and the science fair will be held in the two-tiered yard. "You can't miss it. We have a 6-foot-tall flamingo." Her son won it at Marine World.

And Jacob, now 15, who also attended Kensington Nursery School, takes part in the science fair each year. He created a Science Fair poster and is working on a brochure.

"We couldn't do the Science Fair without the parents. They are wonderful," Joan says. She

also notes that EBMUD made several contributions.

"I am so proud of the children, of the parents and of the school," Joan notes that most children who left the Nursery School to attend Kensington School are active in the Science Fairs there. "They are not afraid of it," she says.

The fair will have something for everybody — an animal area, an 'imagination' area, and so forth. The entrance fee is \$5, and interested persons who want more information are invited to call the nursery at 524-7963.

And one last note. Joan Massler is now working on a How-To book on Science Fairs for preschoolers. Here is a woman who started something big, thinks big, and yet thinks very small (as in children), who loves what she is doing and does what she loves. Here is a happy woman.

I received several calls about Joan Massler, including calls from Sherry Greville and Mrs. Estacio (I'm sorry, I do not have a

first name). It was a joy to follow up the calls and meet her.

And, again, I invite your input: interesting people, events, organizations, etc. I am way behind right now, having lots of interesting people suggested to me, and I look forward to telling you about all of them. But it is good to be behind this way. I love your suggestions. Please keep them coming.

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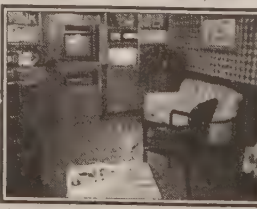
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Next year's Warriors: Better get your scorecards

This may sound like an odd statement, but bear with me for a moment. In a certain sense, the Warriors season was a success, even though they didn't make the playoffs, and in spite of all the bickering and the constant demands by certain players to get traded.

Think about it like this: The Warriors improved their record by 10 games from 26-56 in 1994-95 to 36-46 in 1995-96. That is not a cosmic change, and it will not shake the pillars of the universe, but it is progress. And the Warriors did it applying a totally new philosophy:



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defense and rebounding.

With better players — and next season's team will be significantly changed from this season's — it ought to rebound, defend and run even better.

The Warriors need help across the board, but they

specifically need help under the boards — as in a rebounding, defending center, and a rebounding stud at strong forward. All of which means they will actively trade and sign free agents in the offseason.

With that in mind, what is the status of the current roster? Here's a checklist, so you can keep score as players come and go in the next few months:

Joe Smith: Along with Latrell Sprewell and B.J. Armstrong, he is one of the three core players of the team — although B.J. is by far the softest part of the core. Management has told Smith he had a good year, but it was only a first step. He needs

to expand his game, learn the nuances of the league. He will.

Latrell Sprewell: Management is in love with this guy, with his defensive tenacity, his stamina and his scoring. He can leave after this season, and that would devastate the Warriors. They will do everything possible to sign him. Jerome Kersey: His is an amazing story. He came in as a 12th man and ended up as a starter. He was tougher, more dedicated than some of the younger players (Donyell Marshall, Clifford Rozier) and showed them up. But he'll be 34, and will cost a bundle next season. The Warriors paid him the league

minimum of \$225,000, while Portland paid the bulk of his salary. Could be gone.

Chris Mullin: Great attitude, although maybe too unselfish. The Warriors want to keep him, and will unless someone offers a deal they can't refuse.

Rony Seikaly: Nice guy but a complainer deluxe. Was offended that the offense did not run through him. Would even sit in the locker room after wins and complain out loud that he did not see the ball enough. Also complained that Rick Adelman did not adequately explain his role. Baloney.

Seikaly knew his role, all right. He just didn't like it:

rebound, play hard defense. He wants out, but the Warriors will demand value in return. If they get it, goodbye Rony.

Donyell Marshall: The albatross around the Warriors' necks — or maybe "dead weight" is a better image. They still owe him \$30 million on a five-year guaranteed contract. This summer is critical for him and the team as he, hopefully, will spend his time developing his game and his strength. Management has not given up on him. But with his contract, it can't afford to.

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El Cerrito's swimmers sunk by Monarchs

Special to The Voice

After the first five events, the Holy Names swim team found itself trailing El Cerrito by two points Tuesday, having taken only one first place in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League meet. But the Monarchs came on with a rush, winning five of the last seven events, for a 51-38 win.

The Monarchs' 200-medley relay team of senior Tara Conyers, freshman Erin Earlywine, freshman Laura Leslie, and sophomore Orielle Couttieu, put them ahead in the first event in a time of 2 minutes, eight and 66 seconds, almost two seconds ahead of EC's squad of Cael Cosick, Michelle Habbas, Tia Shimada, and Juliet Miya.

But it was all HN would get until six events later, when Earlywine blasted through the water in the 100 butterfly in 1:06.99, almost 10 seconds ahead of her closest opponent, EC's Miya. From

then on, the Monarchs soared.

Leslie won the 100 freestyle in a time of 1:01.94, again ahead of Miya (1:03.87); the 200-free relay team of Conyers, frosh Emily Lesch, soph Rachel Timmerman, and Earlywine, won in 1:59.09; Conyers took the 100 backstroke (1:15.44), beating out teammate Nia Bluford (1:19.85) and the Gauchos' Lam (1:24.33); and finally Timmerman won the 100 breaststroke (1:26.32), topping Cosick (1:31.77).

Shimada took the 200 individual medley (2:20.32), edging teammate Habbas (2:22.4); the 200 freestyle was won by Habbas (2:04.64); Sining won the 50 free (29.04); Shimada won the 500 free (5:50.13); and the Gauchos' 400 freestyle relay team of Shimada, Miya, Cosick, and Habbas beat out HN's by more than a whopping 21 seconds (4:10.33).

The Monarchs JV also beat EC, 42-40.



Tia Shamada gets off the blocks quickly but EC lost to Holy Names last week in the 200 medley relay.

Gauchos' duo playoff synchronized?

The El Cerrito High volleyball team's offense is predicated on a two-receiver system, with the same two players receiving the serve every time. This way, according to coach Fred Gonzalez, "there's less confusion on the court."

That type of offensive philosophy puts the pressure squarely on the shoulders of the two receivers because they have to cover the entire court. When Charlie Chang

and Steve Tanamachi are in sync, the Gauchos are a tough team to beat.

ACCAL Volleyball
El Cerrito 3
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Case in point: Tuesday's match at St. Joseph.

The two seniors played consistently well and the Gauchos swept

the Pilots, 15-5, 15-6, 15-10, in an Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League game.

With Chang and Tanamachi receiving well and Ryan Yamaguchi setting the plays, EC had an easy time of it against the Alameda school.

"We played well today," Gonzalez said. "We've been inconsistent at times this season, but today we came to play."

Although it's a senior-laden team, EC is lacking in experience, with

only one returning starter. But one of the first-year players, Donte McDonald, played like a veteran Tuesday.

The senior had 8 blocks and 9 kills for the day, as he continues to impress.

"He's been a real force," Gonzalez said of his middle hitter. "He never really played volleyball before this year, but he's done real well."

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Can AHS softball make playoffs?

Cougars need 3 straight wins

By John Gardella

For the Albany High softball team to have a shot at making the playoffs, the Cougars will have to do what they've been unable to do thus far: win three games in a row.

The top six teams in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League advance to postseason. Currently, Albany is in ninth place, a 1/2 game behind sixth place Alameda with the three games remaining. Time is running out, what with the Cougars having to jump past El Cerrito to get into the postseason.

But although the team has been up-and-down most of the year, coach Loring Barker feels his club the potential to pull off the trifecta to end the season.

That accomplished, and with some help from teams ahead of the Cougars in the ACCAL standings, Albany just might make the postseason.

"We haven't been able to put a streak of wins together," Barker said, "but the teams we end up against are all similar to us. El Cerrito beat just 2-0 when we played in the preseason and St. Joe and Kennedy are below us in the standings."

Albany (5-9, 4-5 ACCAL) was scheduled to host St. Joseph Wednesday.

The regular season concludes next week when the Cougars play back-to-back games; at home against EC and at Kennedy.

It's been an inconsistent year for the Cougars. Although stocked with juniors and seniors, the team lacks experience.

And it's hurt the Cougars. "We could be doing better," Barker said. "Defensively, we haven't been focused all the time. It seems to desert them every once in a while. I don't think we are playing up to our potential. But at the same time I have to realize we have a lot of new players who lack experience."

The Cougars aren't without some talented players. Pitcher April Hughes has been involved in every decision but one. Hughes' battery mate Rosey Mejia is a two-year starter and the team's cleanup hitter.

Hughes, Mejia, E.J. Bliss, and Elaine White round out the top of a batting order which scored a ton of runs in Friday's 15-9 win over Alameda.

If the Cougars manage to get in the playoffs, their low seed would assure them a first-round matchup against league powers Bishop O'Dowd or DeAnza. It's a prospect Barker knows would be difficult.

But he holds out hope.

"If we played one of those two teams, we would have to play exceptional ball to win," Barker said. "But it's always possible. We have the potential, but it would be an upset. Right now, however, we have to worry about just making the playoffs."

Berkeley's Farnsworth top student

Sam Farnsworth, who played for Berkeley High team, has been nominated for Academic All-American consideration.

Farnsworth, who had compiled a 3-2 record as of April 21 as a starting pitcher at Washington University in St. Louis, has a Grade Point Average of 3.46.

Amazingly, all five of the Bears' starting pitchers, were nominated for the honor.

Farnsworth, who had started seven games this season for the Bears, had a 5.02 ERA with one shutout in a 4-hit, 9 strikeout performance against Principia (Ill.) earlier in the year.

He also pitched a 1-hitter against Maryville and hadn't given up a homer in 37.67 innings.



Berkeley's lacrosse team is in the house

Members of the Berkeley High lacrosse team joined in an effort a couple of weeks ago, to help the 5th annual Christmas in April campaign to renovate Berkeley and Albany homes of 30 low income and disabled seniors. Helping to fix up this 100-year-old Alston Way home are from left to right: junior defenseman Andrew Day, senior defenseman Zach Ryan, junior mid-fielder Travis Redman, and senior mid-fielder Jeremy Cohen. The Yellow-jackets' lacrosse team, which head to the playoffs Wednesday, was among the 1,000 volunteers who have lent their time and effort to the project. For more information about Christmas in April, call 644-5978.

No more batting tees for Albany-Berkeley Micros

By Jon and Ruth Gjerde
MICRO DIVISION

A milestone was reached by the Micro Division last week: Pitching was introduced into the games for the first time this season. The batting tees were put away and real live pitchers took to the mounds. After the sound of the bats smashing against the balls died away at the game, division commissioner Paddy Morrissey sagely observed that "the girls have firmly grasped the concept of hitting."

"I'm really impressed with the kids playing off a pitcher for the first time," said Richard Sykes, father of Sarah Sykes of the Homeplates. Last week's lineup featured the Stutz Olive Oil Wild-cats against the Jane Hammond Events Homeplates and the Black, Brown, and Lanier advoCats vs. the Davitt Felder Stamps Royals.

The play by all teams was spirited, with numerous hits and great defensive plays. As remarked by the normally taciturn division commissioner, "history was made" for the Wildcats by making their first "3-outs" inning, based on good catching skills and teamwork getting balls to the bases before the runners.

Game highlights included Wild-cat Xochit Sosa-Campbell's blasting a hit to deep left field for a double. For the second time in two games, Ruby Shapiro of the advoCats hit a shattering grand slam.

In a dazzling display of fielding prowess, Meghan Delaney of the Homeplates caught a fly ball and squeezed a double play out. Wielding a fast mitt and sharp wits, Royal Phoebe White caught a whistling line drive.

YOUNGER DIVISION

Mason McDuffie Mustangs 21
Red Oak Realty Renegades 12
The Renegades and the Mus-

tangs demonstrated sterling defense and sharp, solid hitting. Sylvia Osborne-Calierino and Ericka Dickinson of the Renegades helped make the needed outs to end a scoreless 1st inning, with Dickinson nabbing a fly ball. After a single by Renegade Lucia Carrosel another followed from Charlotte Herbert helping a teammate to homeplate. The Mustangs' catcher, Laura Burnham, caught a fly ball for the 3rd out after the Renegades' 3 runs. Lillian Eastman closed the second inning with an RBI. Renegade Andree Woodard played a tight defense at 3rd.

Kimi Horstman opened up the 3rd for the Renegades by hitting a single. Two runs were batted in by a double from Rebecca Krow-Boniske. Mustang Molly McGovern assisted the last two runners to homeplate for the last runs of the inning.

The Renegades opened up the 4th and last inning with Jessica Woodard's solid hit to center. Sara McEroy's hit to left field helped a teammate score a run. Mustang Ila Kemplin made the 1st out at 1st. Shortstop Katie Bullman got the ball to 2nd baseman Merrily Grashin for an excellent play and 2nd out.

Nolo Press Sharks 23
Dr. Brehnan's Smilemakers 21

The game between the Sharks and Smilemakers was a slugfest that came down to the wire. Both teams showed surprising power.

The first inning got off to a rousing start for the Smilemakers, marked by Talia Kostick's 3-run triple. But the Sharks fought back to tie the score in the bottom half. Line drives and hard ground balls continued on both sides, with Hannah Hausauer for the Smilemakers, Victoria Rohrer and Corynn Brodsky for the Sharks showing style and muscle. Julia

Meese also cracked 3 extra base hits for the Smilemakers.

The hitting continued through the late innings, each team scoring to match the other. But in the end, it was defense that decided this contest. Sharks pitcher Julia Kessler and Georgia Tapp at first base in the second inning combined for 3 putouts, holding the Smilemakers scoreless. Alana Kopke also made a double play in the third for the Sharks. Sascha Atkins-Loria and Casey Horvitz showed excellent game smarts in the infield.

Thornwall Silver Bullets 10
Andronicos All Stars 6

Both teams played excellent defense. The first inning was marked by a decisive stop of a hard grounder by shortstop Lindsey Fuller of the Silver Bullets. Then the All Stars exploded with four triples, including two gorgeous drives to right field by Laura Lackey, which brought in 3 runs, and Richelle Porter, and 2 more by Alythea Morrell and Sacha Maxwell.

Briana Myers of the Bullets returned fire with a triple to left driving in 2. But Maxwell ended the inning with a classic tag at home, snuffing the rally.

In other defensive highlights, Lucia Graham-Jones nabbed a hard grounder at shortstop in the 3rd, holding the runner; and Amy Havens had 2 consecutive put-outs at 1st.

All Star Claire Wilkens, playing first, paired with Sarah Lucas at pitcher to nail 3 runners in the top of the 3rd. The All Stars then sealed the game with 6 straight singles.

Dr. Brennan's milemakers 18
Tiddlywinks Pink Panthers 13

The Smilemakers took an early, 11-3 lead thanks to great defense and strong hitting.

Hannah Hausauer hit a 2-run double in the 1st. Then the Smilemakers had a 7-run 3rd keyed by hits from Diana Richie, Emma Oberlander, Talia Kostick, and Aron Feingold.

Tiddlywinks kept the game close with a 3-run rally in the 3rd with hits by Amanda Hanson and Cecilia Thornton.

The Panthers put together 10 runs in the next 2 innings to take the lead thanks to Sophia Simon-Ortiz and Naomi Callender Scott in the 4th and Eva Sherertz, Katie Kaldunski, and Lydia Raya in the 5th. Strong defense by Alyze Ritvo silenced the Smilemaker bats.

But the Smilemakers responded with 6 runs or hits by Liana Cavness, Stacey Stewart, and Estie Sarvasy to snuff out the comeback and preserve the victory.

MIDDLE DIVISION

Grossman and Gibbs Defenders 22
Five Star Video Generals 19

Grossman and Gibbs' built an early 15-7 lead after four innings thanks to the bats of Molly Munch DiGrazia, who hit 2 triples and a homer for 4 RBI; Lorin Suslow, who hit in order a single, double, triple, and home run; and Kirsten Eames, who started the fireworks with a grand slam in the 2nd.

The Five Star Generals mounted a furious rally in the final 2 innings. Kaitlin Riddle led off the 5th with a single. A 2-RBI triple by Elizabeth Ali was followed by a Johanna Letz double to cap off a 6-run inning.

In the 6th, Eunice Samuel hit a double and Rachel Leibman followed with a 2-RBI single. The Generals again scored 6 runs, but solid defense by first baseman Kelly Havens who made 2 putouts helped stem the tide and preserve

the victory.

Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars 24
Alta Bates All Stars 19

A high scoring 1st inning for the Alta Bates All Stars began with singles from Lizzie Lesch, Kier Wallis, Meredith Jones and Julie Hirano putting the All Stars out in front for most of the game. Good defense by Rosie Moorehead with help from Lydia Chilton brought the inning to an end.

Hitting was the highlight of the 4th and 5th innings as each team saw 10 batters. A line drive from All Star Emma Silvers almost took out her coach for the 2nd time in the game.

The highlights of a good day in the field for the Mighty Molars were an unassisted double play by shortstop Elizabeth Murphy and a stunning throw home from center fielder Sasha Harris-Lovett to thwart Alta Bates runners from advancing.

The Molar comeback was sparked by Molly Knobler's 3-run homer and Elise McNamara's 4-for-4 line drive hitting. All Star Lydia Chilton countered in the 5th with a home run of her own but the Molars really started to chomp in the 6th.

Batting 10 again and scoring 8 runs, the Molars handed the All Stars its 1st loss of the season.

Hans Stahl Schmidt Painting's Tornados 8
Autumn Press Flying Pigs 8

Both teams played especially well defensively. Kristina Ballentine made several great plays for the Flying Pigs including a nice catch at 1st to close out the 4th inning and a dramatic force play at 2nd to end another.

The Pigs' Kate Gorman made a good catch at 3rd and Joanna Hoch hit a high-flying ball to center field

for a triple. For the Tornados Lindsey Spolarich made a spectacular catch in right field to out the 3rd. Shortstop Jaime K fired the ball to Lizzy Mendez at 1st to make the 3rd out in the of the 6th.

OLDER DIVISION

Salon Salon vs. Sweet Potatoes Mariko Holland's 1st inning double started Salon's rally. Chanel Samuel's late-inning single kept the rally alive. Eames' 2nd inning home run into center field increased Salon's lead.

Tough pitching by Kyle held the Potatoes scoreless. Spivey's 3rd inning triple drove 2 runs.

Sweet Potatoes' pitcher, Noble and Sonia Douglas, showed great effort on the mound. Sheng, having found her position as catcher, tagged 2 runners out in the 1st.

Ellie Smith snagged a line drive to right to put an end to the inning. Emily Louie, throwing the way from center, almost tagged a runner at home plate.

We Be Bop 14
Jesse Young Constructors

We Be Bop won in dramatic fashion. The 1st inning got off to an exciting start with Haley Johnson hitting a triple and Camille Thorne Alson getting a double. Greenstein made a nice play in the field tagging out a runner.

In the 2nd, Jesse Young entered when Alison Schoppe drove in 2 runs with a bases-loaded hit. Jesse Young had strong pitching from Jones, and Kelly Jackson Richardson.

A double play highlighted the defense when Jackson-Richardson caught a line drive and threw Audrey Raya who combined with Elizabeth Carey to tag the runner a run-down.

Cal DIGEST

Baseball team sweeps Arizona

Last week, Cal's baseball team swept Arizona, 9-8, 11-7, and 8-5 over the weekend at Evans Diamond. There were several hitting highlights for the Bears. Sophomore left fielder Gary Johnson was 7-for-14 with two doubles, a triple, a home run and six RBI.

In the second game he had a monster performance, going 4-for-5 with two doubles, a triple and a home run. Johnson currently leads the Bears in doubles with 18.

Senior DH Jonathan Petke was 3-for-10 with six RBI, including a grand slam home run in the seventh inning of Sunday's game. Petke, who also had a home run in Friday's win, and is now a perfect 4-for-4 with 10 RBI with the bases loaded this season.

Other top hitters included junior shortstop Dan Cey, who was 4-for-13 with a double, two home runs and four RBI; freshman second baseman Brian Oliver, who was 5-for-11 with a double and two RBI and freshman catcher Jason Hill, who had two home runs in the first game and knocked in the game-winning RBI with a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning.

The Bears take on rival Stanford in a season-ending three-game series (Friday, 7 p.m. at Stanford; Saturday, 1 p.m. at Evans Diamond; Sunday, 1 p.m. at Stanford).

McCart breaks HR mark

The 12th-ranked Cal softball team, fresh off a doubleheader sweep of No. 2 Arizona last weekend, closes out its home schedule against No. 4 UCLA Saturday and Cal Poly SLO Sunday. Both doubleheaders begin at 1 p.m. on Strawberry Field.

Cal continues to be led by junior left hander Whitney Floyd, who has improved her record to 17-9 with a 1.55 ERA. She has won four of her last five decisions, allowing only two earned runs over 38 innings.

Offensively, junior first baseman Melanie McCart has broken the school home run record with nine on the year. As a team, the Bears have hit a school-record 23 round-trippers this season.

Gymnasts 2nd in NCAA

The Cal men's gymnastics team took second place at the NCAA championships at Stanford last weekend, missing its third national title by less than four-tenths of a point. The Bears continued their string of school-record performances in the team finals by posting the best scores in Cal history in

five of the six events plus the all-around, but were unable to derail top-seeded Ohio State.

Individually, the Bears were led by junior co-captain David Kruse who captured All-America honors in four events (floor, vault, horizontal bar and all-around), the most by a Cal gymnast since 1968.

Three other Bears also nabbed All-America awards — junior co-captain Andrew Mason (parallel bars), senior Bryan Fox (still rings) and junior Trent Wells (parallel bars).

Women's water polo team advances to championships

Cal's women's water polo team upset No. 1 ranked and previously undefeated UCLA, 8-7, winning the Western Regional Qualification Tournament last weekend at UCLA.

With 1:12 remaining in the final period, Cal's Erin Kelley scored with a six-on-five advantage for the game-winner.

UCLA and Cal join San Diego State, Stanford, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Barbara as the tournament's top seven finishers who will advance to the Collegiate Championships May 10-12 at UC Davis.

Gauchos

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With a game scheduled against St. Elizabeth Wednesday and a season-ending game Thursday against Piedmont, the Gauchos (8-11, 5-4 ACCAL) are poised for the playoffs.

Barring a late-season collapse, EC, which is in third place, ahead of St. Elizabeth, the Gauchos will get the third and final playoff spot. Prior to Wednesday's game, EC had beaten both St. Elizabeth and Piedmont in their first ACCAL meetings.

If they hang on to make the playoffs, the Gauchos will probably take on second-place DeAnza, which trails undefeated Richmond by one game.

Since DeAnza has already beaten EC three times this season (once in preseason and both times during league), Gonzalez knows his team will have to play mistake-free volleyball against DeAnza.

"If we get to the playoffs, we have to play completely mistake free to have a shot," he said.

But in his four years of coaching the Gaucho boys volleyball team, Gonzalez considers this squad his second-best team.

His best club lost only one game and won the league championship in Gonzalez's first year of coaching.

"These kids are exceptional," he said. "They're just good all-around kids, who play hard. They make it real enjoyable."

Cohn

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Bimbo Coles: I've been critical of him in the past, but now it's time for kind words. He was in shock when the Heat traded him to Golden State. Miami had never even mentioned his name in trade talks, and when the deal came down, it blew Coles' mind and set back his development as a Warrior. He's a streaky, sometimes crummy shooter, and a so-so ball handler, although his ball handling was affected by a sprained thumb the last month. But he's a fierce competitor, a maniac on defense, and he has the kind of spirit the Warriors want.

Clifford Rozier: He's the un-Coles. A complete dog. He's the last to show up for practice, and when practice ends, he's off the floor before the pea inside the whistle stops vibrating. Has no idea what it takes to succeed and no interest in improving his game. Has a clause in his contract which allows him to leave after the season. Let's hope he exercises it. If not, the Warriors will exercise it for him.

Jon Barry: Grew frustrated with lack of playing time and didn't work as hard toward the end of the season, which made his playing time shrink even more. He's history.

Kevin Willis: He's history, too. Ancient history. He's entering his, 13th season. The Warriors will dump him to get space under the salary cap.

Andrew DeClercq: Hard worker. Talented. The coaching staff appreciates him.

OK, so those are your Warriors. But don't grow too attached to them because a significant number will be gone before next season. If not, general manager Dave Twardzik has some explaining to do.

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They'll be rockin' on Mt. Tam

On Saturday, May 25 CityRock Climbing School director Abby Watkins will be teaching "Rock I", an introduction to outdoor climbing, on Mt. Tamalpais in Marin County.

This class will cover basic natural anchors for top-rope setups and basic equipment for climbing outdoors as well as climbing movement instruction.

She will also lead "Rock II" on Sunday, May 26 also on Mt. Tamalpais. This course will cover use and placement of hand-placed protection for more complex anchors and instruction in more advanced climbing techniques.

Fees for each class are \$70 for current members of any Bay Area climbing gym and \$80 for nonmembers. Spaces are limited and advanced registration is required. For information and registration call CityRock at 654-2510.

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East Bay Events



Faces of the World

Tom Siporin's acrylic portraits of rastas, rice farmers, river rats, mystics, gypsies, fishermen and kids at play are on display at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton, through May 6. The show, titled "Exotic Faces of the World: from Bali and Belize to Berkeley and back," is presented by the El Cerrito Art Association. The library is open 1 to 5 Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday).

Versatile vegetables have their day

The gourd, a hard-shelled squash, inedible cousin of the pumpkin, and natural container, has been associated with humankind for at least 11,000 years. Two thousand years ago inhabitants of what is now Peru were carving exquisite designs on gourds. In parts of Africa, wealth is measured by the number of gourds a woman owns. In Haiti, the *gourdes* is the measure of currency. In the Eastern United States, it is the gourd birdhouse that has provided sanctuary for the Purple Martin for over 300 years. Celebrate the gourd this Sunday and get an autographed copy of the Caning Shop's newest book, *The Complete Book of Gourd Craft*. Some of the 123 artists whose work is included in the book will be on hand and will have art for sale. Serious musicians will play gourd instruments while the gourd crafting techniques described in the book are demonstrated. The gourd events take place from noon to 8 p.m. at The Caning Shop, 85 Gilman, Berkeley. For more information call 527-5010.

For jazz piano fans

Jazz pianist Judy Carmichael visits Maybeck Recital Hall this weekend with a jazz film presentation from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and performance Sunday at 4 p.m. On Saturday Carmichael, who received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for her jazz history work, will illustrate the history and development of jazz piano with a combination of live performance, discussion and rare film clips. On Sunday she will demonstrate the style which earned her a reputation as "one of today's leading interpreters of stride, boogie-woogie, wing and New Orleans piano styles." Tickets are \$25 for each day or reservations call 848-2228. For jazz piano fans



Harlem history in song and dance

Bubbling Brown Sugar, currently playing at Black Repertory Group, tells the story of the beautiful and talented Irene Paige, a world-traveled performer who returns to her home in Harlem. There she searches for connections to her past, and reveals plenty of history, humor and harmony in the process. All ages will enjoy the singing and dancing in this tale of love and aging directed by Mona Vaughn Scott. Shows are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at 2:30 p.m., at 3201 Adeline, Berkeley. Call 652-2120 for ticket information.

Early days of Thorsen House

Berkeley's University Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive present *The Domestic Architecture of Greene and Greene: Designs for Northern California* through Aug. 18. The exhibit highlights the work of one-of-the-century California architects Charles Sumner Greene (1868-1957) and Henry Mather Greene (1870-1954). Best known for their work in Southern California, (particularly The Gamble House in Pasadena), the renowned architectural firm of Greene and Greene also carried out a number of commissions in the Bay Area. Included in the UAM/PFA exhibition are drawings for residences such as the Fleishacker homes in San Francisco and Woodside, the Flavin and Jones Houses in the Carmel Highlands, and the most significant remaining example of the Greene's famed custom-designed "ultimate bungalows" — the still wonderfully preserved William R. Thorsen House in Berkeley. For the last 53 years the residence of the Berkeley chapter of the Sigma Xi Fraternity, the Thorsen House lies a block-and-a-half east of the UAM/

Free Folk Festival

From top David Maloney, The Black Brothers, Rebecca Riots



Concerts, workshops, food, and psychic readings are in the offing at the Berkeley Free Folk Festival on Saturday, May 11, at the Berkeley Fellowship Hall, 1924 Cedar St. at Bonita. Among the many icons of the folk music world who will be performing are Barry Oliver, Ellis Island, Mark Levy, Joe Miller, Nancy Schimmel, The All Girl Boys and Andrew Carlier and the Cajun Classics. For information and or to volunteer call 843-3810.

Another 'Cyrano' story hits the screen

By Renata Polt

The truth about *The Truth about Cats and Dogs* is that it's as cute and amusing a picture as you're likely to find right now. And yes, it's also about cats and dogs. Well, some of it is.

The mood is set with the sharp, witty opening credits. Funny how much you can sometimes tell about a movie by watching the credits. It's as if *everyone* gets turned on — or as if someone, such as director Michael Lehmann, who made *Heathers* and *Meet the Applegates*

— is really minding the store, seeing to all the details.

The film's heroine is Abby Barnes (Janeane Garofalo, Winona Ryder's roommate in *Reality Bites* and a regular on *The Larry Sanders Show*, a veterinarian with a call-in pet program. She's the kind of talk-show host who has a caller put his dog on the phone so that she can listen to his cough — in other words, down-to-earth and smart.

In her private life, Abby shares a great-looking old Santa Monica

Berkeley Opera warms audience with fine Fauré production



John Duykers plays Ulysses in 'Penelope.'

By Ariel Parkinson

In mounting a fine work by a major composer for the first time here in nearly a century, Berkeley Opera pulls off a coup.

As an opera, Fauré's *Penelope* fulfills the form's most fundamental canon: words and action seem generated by the substance and the flow of the music. Last Sunday and this coming weekend a full orchestra of 51, conducted by Jonathan Khuner, supports a warmly radiant, semi-staged production at Berkeley's Julia Morgan Theatre — a West Coast premiere 83 years after the 1913 opening in Paris.

There are 26 strings, dense, mellow sound from which the horns — oboe, clarinet, English horn, flute, trumpet — erupt like sea birds rising into flight. Melody appears, and disappears. There are bizarre combinations of instruments: harp with a group of flutes and piccolos, sonorous English horn followed by a nearly snarling trumpet. The score is progressive, a running intercourse between instrument and voice. Although there are purely orchestral interludes and an introduction, the opera is an ongoing aria with parts assigned.

The protagonists, or "parts," dressed in modestly evocative evening wear, enter, exit and, when they are "on-stage," stand at lecterns (except for the freely roving hero). Martha Jane Howe as Penelope is deeply impressive: a rich and powerful voice, expressively right on. She knows how to use the voice as instrument — inflection of tone, the merest modulation of facial muscle carry drama.

Splendid John Duykers as Ulysses has a difficult role. He is acting a hero who is acting an old man, without costume, prop, or makeup, and with limited interplay with the other characters. He is compelling and convincing. Lisa Turetsky, as the indispensable nurse, brings definite personality to the role — true Berkeley, a refined, high-style intellectual in reduced

circumstances. Eumee, the other older member of the original household, is a fine, deep baritone.

The other players, good singers and decent actors, are hampered by the libretto or stilted super-titles of both. The Fauchois text makes the story of Penelope's reluctance to remarry and Ulysses' return to destroy his rivals a battle between age and youth. The original household stubbornly defends the old order — establishment, decorum, property rights, ceremonious abstraction, deep commitment. Penelope's hand-maidens are silly girls, the "suitors" sharks waiting to take over a rich man's estate. Both groups are impetuous, impatient, and frustrated by a numbing status quo.

Only a hint of this survives translation and abridgement into super-titles and thus, with such minimal staging of an unfamiliar piece into the narrative and texture of the work.

It is all right for the suitors to be relatively undifferentiated (as they are in Fauchois), but they must be genuinely brash, amusingly so (as they are in Fauchois). The irony of the girls' attraction to them from the beginning of the opera is largely suppressed.

These "omissions" could be corrected in subsequent presentations. More important is the beauty and the power of this production through the high quality of composition, direction, orchestra and singers.

Visual design is simple and satisfying. The Julia Morgan Theatre, once church, is a lovely, very present frame for the warm, mainly wooden instruments and skin tones of the musicians, who are visible at just the right intensity through a black scrim hung behind the singers.

The incessant meaningful movement of the head, arms, back of the conductor is also visible through the scrim, in cold white downlight. Nicely placed white oblongs hung above the protagonists take appropriately selected slides of Greek landscapes, figures, architecture — suitably confined to fragments.

Former teachers tell tales out of school

By Carol Egan

For anyone wanting information about the status of the teaching profession today, two dropouts from that once solid vocation are here in Berkeley, and more than able to dish the real dirt.

The Speakeasy Theatre is presenting *Splitt % Out Your Gun... It's School Policy* weekends through May 4. The play, written by its performers, Miriam Engelberg and Gayle Schmitt, along with J. David Blazevich (director), addresses, in a sometimes humorous way, many of the serious issues facing our educational system.

In the 90-minute evening we witness the evolution of two public school teachers from idealistic college students to weary veterans of the classroom. We see many of the trials and tribulations they suffer along the way and how, eventually

disillusioned with everything about the profession except the students, they consider giving it all up.

Through a series of characterizations, Engelberg and Schmitt present some of their more memorable (if not stereotypical) colleagues: the alienated chain-smoker who passes her days in the teachers' lounge, letting films "babysit" her students; the super-efficient Sister Magdalena, assessing her students from the moment they walk into class; the laid-back Yoga fanatic whose idea of education is to let the students express themselves and find their own way.

The major part of the story, however, belongs to Miriam and Gayle. One assumes that at least some of this material is autobiographical. Miriam, plagued by the bureaucratic idiocy of an authoritarian principal,



Gayle Schmitt and Miriam Engelberg in 'Splitt % Out Your Gun...'

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Poems set to music



Voci's spring concert, "Poetry in Song," celebrates the poetic spirit as expressed in music. The program includes poems by Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Sara Teasdale and e e cummings, artfully set to music by modern American composers, as well as poems and music from earlier centuries and other places. It culminates in the presentation of the heart-stopping "Vier Gesänge" (Four Songs) by Brahms, in which one movement is a poem by Shakespeare.

The concert features instrumental accompaniments including piano, with pianist Lino Rivera, French horns, handbells and flute. The two performances — Friday, May 3 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m. — are both at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$12 and \$10.

Berkeley by the book

"The Berkeley Literary Scene," comprising books, notebooks, sketches and working places of writers who have at times made Berkeley their home, is the focus of the Berkeley Historical Society's current exhibit at the History Center and Museum, 1931 Center St.

A reception will be held Friday, May 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. Writers represented include Charles and Louise Keeler, Frank Norris, writers of the Olla Podrida literary journal, George R. Stewart, Anthony Boucher, Josephine Miles, Allen Ginsberg, Robert Duncan, Dorothy Bryant, Janet LaPierre, Thacher Hurd, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Linda Grant, Tom Clark, and Julia Vinograd.

Curated by Jim Cara and Ken Cardwell, the exhibit also follows the history of Berkeley libraries, and examines the proposal to retrofit and expand the present landmark library building.

Hours are Thursday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Animals

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apartment with her cat. She also plays Bach on the violin. What a winner!

Except in her own eyes. Abby is untal, unsvelte, and unglamorous — totally unlike her neighbor Noelle Slusarsky (Uma Thurman, who requires no introduction), a model and would-be broadcaster. The fact that Noelle is as dumb as a petunia doesn't keep men from crashing their bicycles at the sight of her.

So when one of Abby's callers, a photographer named Brian (hunky British actor Ben Chaplin, the footman in *Remains of the Day* and the middle brother in *Feast of July*), asks to meet her, she describes herself as "five-feet-ten, blond, thin — hard to miss." Of course she has no intention of seeing this stranger. But he spots Noelle, and the game is on.

Inspired by Edmond Rostand's *Cyrano de Bergerac*, screenwriter/executive producer Audrey Wells has created a modern-day comedy of mistaken identities and the attendant romantic confusion.

Brian, of course, falls for Noelle (whom he thinks is Abby) like a Mack truck, too dazzled to notice her aversion to animals and her intellectual dimness. (When he gives her a book — Simone de Beauvoir's letters to Jean Paul Sartre — she can't pronounce the names, let alone identify the people.)

The real Abby, equally smitten with Brian but fearing that he wouldn't dream of a romance with

her, indulges in a sexy seven-hour phone conversation with him, while he still believes he's talking to Noelle. While the real Abby gets off on non-commercial phone sex, Noelle is almost orgasmic eating bites of forbidden cake.

The Truth about Cats and Dogs is, of course, about how our society values looks — and a particular kind of looks, at that — over brains and personality. In a wonderful scene at a department store cosmetics counter, Abby is bullied by a skinny saleswoman into buying a bagful of expensive skin care products: "You haven't been taking care of your skin, and it's only going to get worse!"

But it's also about the way self-image can make or break a life. The immensely tall, emaciated Noelle really looks almost grotesque; but she perceives herself as gorgeous, so that's what she is. Abby, on the other hand, is cute as a button (except for that haircut!), but since she doesn't fit the fashionable image, she thinks of herself as a loser.

It's also about friendship and loyalty. These two women get along so well and spend so much time hanging out together, despite their differences, that a more cynical man than Brian would conclude that he was really redundant. Is there a lesbian subtext here? I don't think so, although some people could read it that way.

Of course we know how a movie like this is going to turn out (hint: not like *Cyrano de Bergerac*), but getting there is all the fun.

Renaissance woman finishes dance BA — 17 years, some careers later

By Carol Egan

When the graduating seniors of 1996 are called onstage May 18 to receive their degrees from UC Berkeley's Center for Theater Arts, Berkeley native Pilar Limosner will not be among them. While her classmates march into Zellerbach Playhouse in cap and gown, she will be several thousand miles away, in Florence, Italy, where she begins a new job May 15.

The statuesque brunette, remarkably reminiscent of a Botticelli painting, resumes her third chosen career following a brief pause. After a 17-year hiatus from college life, Limosner returned to UC Berkeley last fall to finish up her bachelor's degree, a process she had interrupted in 1978. The intervening years had seen her career evolve from one of dancer to performance artist to designer. It was not planned, but it seemed to fall into place quite naturally.

Limosner began dance classes with Ruth Hatfield at Live Oak Park. Reminiscing about that time in her childhood, she says, "We did a lot of prancing around to Morton Subotnik. I don't think I've ever enjoyed anything as much as I did those classes." Along with technique, the young students were also encouraged to create their own works. Limosner and a friend used to put on mini-dance concerts for which they would also design and make the costumes.

In 1970 she joined David and Marni Wood's after-school classes for teenagers at UC Berkeley. These were held three days a week and on the alternate days she studied ballet. Fortunately for her, College Preparatory School, her alma mater, hired a dance teacher during her sophomore year. Dance was the focus of her life by that time.

Fully convinced she was headed for a career in dance, Limosner set off for UCLA in 1973. After two years, however, she was forced to withdraw because of severe knee problems. Unsure of her future in the dance world but knowing that she definitely wanted to continue working in theater, Limosner headed for London where she enrolled in a Stage Management course at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. While there she took a required design class. Her apparent talent was encouraged, and her teachers suggested she consider a career in the field of costume design.

However, her mind was still set on returning to dance as soon as her knees healed. During her second year



Pilar Limosner back in Berkeley with her design of Humphrey the Whale.

in London she resumed dance classes. After receiving her diploma in stage management from RADA in 1977, Limosner returned home to Berkeley where she enrolled as a dance major at UC Berkeley.

The equivalent of a Junior, she felt pressure to finish in two years. In addition to taking a full load of classes, she had two jobs and was dancing full time at school; she found it more and more difficult to keep up. By the end of her second year, suffering a minor breakdown, she dropped out of almost everything except the dance activities. As a result she could not graduate on schedule.

After two years in San Francisco's performance art scene in San Francisco, she took took off for New York.

She took on assorted jobs at first: sewing for a young designer (Carmel Johnson) and developing a very unusual night club act in which she would set herself on fire (a trick she had learned from her grandfather). However, still pursuing her dream of dancing, Limosner studied with Erick Hawkins and attended many auditions. Unfortunately, the only dance audition she passed during her first two years in New York was for Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus.

That experience became a milestone in her life for, not only did she turn down the circus's offer, she went

out the very next day and rented a storefront, determined now to turn from dance to design and become a fashion designer. She continued to share the business with her friend and, by now, partner, Carmel Johnson.

The East Village store opened in 1983 under the name "Batislava." For six years the partners built a considerable reputation, designing original and often outrageous clothing. They were invited to present fashion shows in London, Tokyo and New York. Their clients included artists' wives, performance artists such as Ann Magnusson, and Madonna. In 1986 dancer/choreographer Karole Armitage also became a client.

Starting in 1986 Limosner began to work as assistant costume designer on several films and plays. After she and Carmel decided to close their shop in 1989, she was hired to design films and plays, both in New York and Los Angeles. Her first job as costume designer was on the film, *Chain of Desire*. The sitcom *Davis Rules* followed, along with several other television shows and films.

In 1993 Karole Armitage, a former dancer with Merce Cunningham, invited Limosner to design costumes for a dance she was doing in Paris. She found the opportunity to return to dance, albeit in a new capacity, irresistible. The piece was performed near Paris, then toured. At the end of the tour,

After two years collaborating with Armitage in Europe, Limosner turned home and was immediately hired to do costumes for *Bullet* starring Mickey Rourke back in New York. She became increasingly involved teaching who were dying of AIDS. Always been interested in psychology, she found the idea appealing but realized that, were she to train for such a career, she definitely need to have her graduate degree. Thus, the time to return to Berkeley.

Resuming a dance major was not easy. Knowing her academic limitations, Limosner began beginning level technique, concentrated primarily on the dance subjects required. Her skills came in handy for a course, the final project for was the design of a "whale" dance about Humphrey the Whale.

Having now fulfilled all graduate requirements, Limosner may one day choose to return to graduate school to pursue her love, and perhaps find a former — in psychology. Meanwhile she is content to be returning to costume design, especially means working at the Commune di Firenze for extended time.

Teachers

frantically tackles the nebulous activities of assessment and grading.

Gayle's plight is worse. Forced to take over a special ed class at Ronald Regan High School, she eventually learns the tragic fate of her predecessor. Time after time, her Room 8 door (the only set piece, a mobile unit built by Jeffrey Ishmael) begins to tremble. Effectively accompanied by a pulsating

red light and a musical siren (lighting by Andrew Sproule, sound by J. David Blazevich), the door flies open, spilling Gayle out into a heap on the floor. Each time she is ejected, she becomes more catatonic.

Overwhelmed by the hopelessness of their vocation, both decide to give it all up. That is, they seem resigned to resigning until they remember some of their troubled students. In the end,

they leave us to wonder whether or not they really could walk out on their charges. (In the program we learn that, in real life, both women are "former" teachers.)

Engelberg and Schmitt certainly know the pitfalls of the profession. The performance would be a hit with an audience of their peers (excluding administrators who are generally portrayed as greater and lesser idiots).

Although we don't discover the cures, the piece does cover bases that matter (budget cuts, crowding, lack of supplies, in the classroom, etc.).

Spirit Out Your Gun... Policy continues this Wednesday and Saturday nights, at the Speakeasy Theatre, 2010 14th St., just south of University. Tickets are \$12, \$2 off for students.

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Citizen concern halts Madera tree-planting

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A tree-planting program at Madera School has been placed on hold. Some residents living nearby the public elementary school have expressed concerns about views and future maintenance should a planting plan designed by the school's PTA be implemented.

The city of El Cerrito supplies trees to interested parties (including both schools and private residents) through a program funded by the California Department of Transportation. The funding is designed as a mitigation measure for the department's work on Highway 80.

Caltrans notified the city last week that it had approved a six-month extension of the tree planting at Madera.

Students at El Cerrito High

School plan to create a mural on the concrete wall south of Stockton along the Ohlone Greenway this summer. City staff members are coordinating the preparation of the wall surface and placement of a background color on the wall; E.C.H.S. instructors are organizing the artistic endeavor; the city will place a protective clear coat of graffiti-resistant paint on the mural after its completion.

Moeser Lane rehab complete

A long section of Moeser Lane was rehabilitated during the week of April 15. Distressed asphalt was removed and replaced between San Pablo Avenue and Galvin Drive, then resurfaced by a slurry seal. The work was completed during spring break week for Portola Junior High and Sierra School in an effort to reduce inconvenience for motorists.

Bike workshop in Albany this weekend

ALBANY — Following the success of last year's event, Soft Cycling Institute is offering a workshop to help people get rolling on their bikes and for those who are already regular riders to gain some self-sufficiency.

The class is an introduction to bicycle maintenance with an eye toward commuting comfort and reliability, but is applicable to all kinds of riding. It will be on Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m., at the Albany City Hall (located at 1000 San Pablo Ave.).

The seminar is taught by Em Herzstein, who has given repair classes around the Bay Area. She is founder of the Soft Cycling Institute skills school, where she works with cyclists to find their technique for going up and down hills, and guides them in the nuances of trail bicycling.

The instructor will lead participants through a bike check-up, looking over a bike from head to toe to identify what needs adjustment and check for safety. Depending on participants' wishes, other topics may include preventive maintenance, emergency re-

pairs, riding comfort and easier pedaling.

"Bike commuting is so much more interesting than the alternatives," she says. "You get to have fun, be outside and get exercise on the way to where you're going — and it's healthy for the planet." Her goal for the workshops is for each participant to become a better judge of what is going on with their bike and what might help it ride better. "Then riding can be the most fun, and very reliable too."

Participants are welcome to bring their own bikes, space permitting, for hands-on learning. Bicycle parking is also available (bring locks).

For questions about this event or information on other repair classes and skills instruction, call Soft Cycling Institute at 525-3224.

Bike to Work Day is May 16. There are other planned events through the state, including morning refreshment stations, prizes, and a buddy system for matching new and seasoned commuters. Flyers are available at local bike shops and other locations.

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OUT ABOUT
By Frosene Phillips

RESTAURANT BITES: The Piedmont House on Grand Avenue is approaching its first anniversary and owners Robert and Karen Estenzo have been enjoying a bustling business. Recently, however, they decided to open for brunch on the weekends. This should prove appealing to those seeking patio dining and delightful ambience...Tribeca on College Avenue in Oakland has also made some changes. Appetizers, desserts, beer and wine are now offered as well as music on Friday and Saturday nights...The music just keeps on coming at Gertrude Stein Restaurant in City Center. Vocalists Pamela Rose, Jamie Davis, Dwain Lawrance, Scotty Wright, May Cavallero and Cookie Wong join the Eddie Pasternak/Roger Glenn Duo during the month of May. Downtown dinner jazz continues Wednesdays through Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. Pianist Dick Whittington is appearing at Prima Trattoria in Walnut Creek on Sundays and Mondays and Memorial Day weekend in May...Ratto's four-course pasta dinner and opera night will feature soprano Rosemary Bollin, tenor Craig Knudsen and baritone Leiming He Friday night.

WEEKEND SCENE: George Howard at Kimball's East...Charanson Friday and Tito Garcia Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Judy Carmichael Jazz Film Presentation Saturday 1 p.m. and Judy Carmichael recital Sunday 4 p.m. at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednesday at Cafe Caracas...Jim Brown at Scott's...Dr. Loco & the Rockin' Jalapeno Band at Maestro's San Ramon...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building. Ivan Lins at Yoshi's Nitespot...Jamie Davis Wednesday, Pamela Rose Thursday and Dwain Lawrance Friday with the Eddie Pasternak, Roger Glenn Duo at Gertrude Stein...3rd AUF Bluesband Saturday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co...John Turk at the Ramada Inn...Steve Lucky & the Rhumba Bums Friday and Tatoo Blue Saturday at the Baltic.

COMEDY SCENE: Clinton Jackson and Ron Fiengold at Tommy T's San Ramon...SAN FRANCISCO: Allan Hovey at the Punch Line...Noted storyteller/comic Ron Shock and Alex Reid at Cobb's Comedy Club...Comic Craig Shoemaker of "Lovemaster" fame is heading for Broadway to star in a leading role. Shoemaker will appear in a new Broadway musical "Funny Business."

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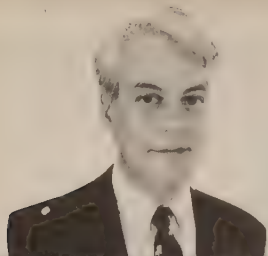
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■ Martin Snapp

Hell On Wheels: Here's an update on the Bermuda Triangle of downtown Oakland.

I refer, of course, to the short block of Franklin Street, between 13th and 14th.

To recapitulate: First, I got a nail in my tire. Then my girlfr... (oops! I mean my RFL) got a nail in her tire. Then a reader named Gladys Houston got a nail in her tire.

Now comes word that another reader named Gil Bauer was driving on that same block last week, and sure enough: Pow! A nail in his tire.

Memo to the powers that be: How many times does this have to happen before you clean up those nails?

In other transportation news, I was walking along Solano Avenue in Albany the other day when all of a sudden about 2,000 bicyclists came pedaling by, chanting in unison, "Two wheels good! Four wheels bad!" Bringing up the rear was a half-dozen Berkeley bicycle cops, who seemed to be having up as good a time as everyone else.

I laughed and called out, "Who are you guys?" "Critical Mass!" they shouted.

If you haven't heard of them before, they're a loosely-organized bunch of transportation activists who, up until now, have confined their activities to San Francisco. Nice to see them on this side of the Bay.

While we're talking about trans-Bay commuting, my deepest thanks to the Good Samaritan who came to my rescue the other day.

It was during a typical Friday afternoon snarl on the Bridge. I had a chiropractor's appointment in Berkeley at 5:45, and at 5:15 I was still stuck in an interminable traffic jam in San Francisco.

That's when I noticed the woman in the car next to me talking on her cellular phone. I waited until she was finished, then I rolled down my window and asked, "Would you mind calling my chiropractor and telling them I'm going to be late?"

Sure enough, she did. And they were able to reschedule me.

Whoever you are, kind lady, thank you.

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Molly Coddling: Speaking of gratitude, my cup runneth over, thanks to all of you who wrote, phoned, faxed and e-mailed advice on how to get my RFL's cat, Molly, to stop hiding under the bed whenever I'm around.

Some of you advised bribing her and some of you advised ignoring her. But the solution came from a reader named Woodwoman, who wrote:

"Female cats, especially older female cats, are called 'queens' for a reason. They expect submission. Giving treats and playing with her are probably too presumptuous. I suggest laying flat on the floor next to the bed and softly saying her name. You may have to lay there a while, but soon she will see that you've accepted your position as subject and accept you."

It worked like a dream. Now Molly not only accepts me, she positively adores me. She lies curled up next to me and purrs like a motorboat.

Which gives rise to a new problem: My RFL is getting jealous. Last night she snorted and sighed and otherwise tried to express her displeasure. But I couldn't hear her. Molly was purring too loud.

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Speaking of animals, have you seen *Babe* yet? I have, and I can truthfully say it's the greatest talking pig movie I've ever seen.

Now it's out on video, but if you want to get the full big-screen experience, the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society will show *Babe* Sunday morning at the Emerybay 10 Theater in Emeryville.

Festivities start at 9 a.m. Live pigs from the California PotBelly Pig Association will be on hand, along with animal actors from Bow-Wow Productions. Pigs and sheep dogs will perform for you and be available for petting.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$3.50 per person for groups of 10 or more. You can reserve yours by calling 845-7735.

I have a special place in my heart for the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. As you know, I work at the San Francisco SPCA, the Mother Church of animal welfare societies. The things we do at the SF/SPCA are justly famous, including an absolute no-kill policy and a commitment to find new homes for members' pets after they die.

The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society does all these things, too. But it does them on a budget that's just a tiny fraction of San Francisco's.

How they manage to pull it off is beyond me, but somehow they do. They're like The Little Engine That Could. And they deserve all the support we can give them.

Take your kids to Sunday morning's show. It's a great movie and a great cause. A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

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Cardroom

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"Your decision is about stopping the destruction of CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) throughout the state of California," said Berkeley resident Mark Liolios. "You must show leadership on this issue."

"I know you are friends of (Albany Mayor) Mike Brodsky, but you are elected to serve us," said Berkeley resident Wang Fo Shu, who called cardrooms "racist" because, he said, they often rely on minorities for their business.

Also speaking during the public comment period was Albany City Councilmember Bruce Mast, who said he was there to respond to disparaging remarks made during the course of the cardroom debate and to ask the Berkeley council to "consider a more collaborative approach."

Addressing the council during regular session were Ford, Anna Shimko, one of Ladbroke's attorneys in the case, and James DuPont, an international organizer for the Hotel and Restaurant Employees union who said he was at the meeting to protect local jobs.

Calling card players a "studious group," Ford assured the council that Ladbroke has a reputation for running safe, quality operations throughout the world and that the Golden Gate Fields cardroom would be handled in a similar manner. "We can't afford to run any other type of facility," said Ford.

Ford pointed out the environmental benefits of the proposed cardroom, citing the fact that Ladbroke will donate land and \$500,000 for construction of a portion of

the Bay Trail in Albany if the cardroom is built.

He also called CRG "a group of citizens who are trying to do through litigation what they could not do through the ballot."

Questions from council members ran the gamut from whether Ladbroke plans to hire union workers to staff the proposed facility to whether the development agreement can be altered if negative impacts are found. Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean asked if her city might file a lawsuit in the future if the council was unhappy with mitigations provided by Ladbroke.

"You could if you chose that route," said Shimko.

Also on the agenda was a report from Berkeley Police Chief Daschel Butler on cardrooms and crime, which concluded that while the proposed cardroom would inevitably cause some crime, "there is no hard evidence that it will have any impact on our community."

The decision came after months of debate in neighborhood and council meetings over everything from the alleged violation of CEQA on the part of Albany to the possibility of increased crime and traffic in Berkeley as a result of the proposed cardroom. CRG attorney Bob Outis said he appreciated the council's support in the lawsuit, but added that the decision is just one small victory.

"There are many days ahead of us," said Outis, "many skirmishes and battles."

CRG president David Arkin was also pleased with the council's decision, saying that "the tide is turning in our favor."

Survey

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In presenting the results to the city council at its April 15 meeting, Franz did tell council members, however, that it might be helpful to do some public education on the issue.

"You could explain why the police are not responding as quickly as before, that their (quicker responses) are reserved for emergency calls," she said.

Early this week, Police Chief Dan Givens confirmed the perception communicated by residents in the survey.

"You have to remember how much we lost a couple years back (because of revenue cutbacks)," he said. "We lost five sworn positions, and we've only been able to recoup one. Three of those positions were out of patrol."

Givens also said the "important thing" is the community's ongoing trust in the helpfulness and courtesy of the department's officers.

The department has absorbed the loss of officers by switching certain duties around; traffic patrol, for example, is not staffed as consistently as it has been.

Givens also reminds citizens that, "we're only talking about a slower response time in non-emergency calls."

The department still places a high priority on responding immediately to emergency situations.

Givens hopes to soon replace a sworn officer now working in the department office with a civilian. The change would put the sworn officer back on the street. In order to replace the position, the city has applied for a "Safe Streets" grant from the federal More Cops program. The grant has not yet been finally approved, however.

In the meantime, 66.6 percent of the survey respondents felt the El Cerrito police patrol their neighborhoods "too little."

Retrofit

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that a building can be screened to determine risk levels at various intensities of shaking. Such an analysis assumes that each building will take some level of damage, and attempts to answer questions about whether the building will be repairable, whether it can be occupied during repairs and how long the repairs might take.

"If the risk level in Albany school buildings is low, then you may be justified in putting off the retrofit while you construct new buildings," he said. "Otherwise, that may not be a rational decision."

Brokken said that it takes more than a visual inspection to determine risk levels. "When I walk through a building, most of what I want to know is covered up," he explained, adding that at his company a visual inspection might take between four to eight hours, while a detailed analysis to assign risk levels would take between 20 to 40 hours per building.

However, public school buildings always have excellent drawings, he said, and a structural engineer could probably learn more from analysis of the site plan than from a sight-only inspection.

"The reports I've seen about Albany schools don't give risk levels for the buildings. But that doesn't mean the structural engineer hasn't done them. All it may take is asking him for them. I think they certainly should be

incorporated into the Master Plan," he said.

Superintendent Hudson offered to ask R.W. Wiley & Associates, the school district's structural engineering firm, to include risk level estimates in its written report.

The Master Plan, which the district is preparing for completion in May, will coordinate all projects that must be paid for with bond money.

Because bond money comes to the district in periodic installments, rather than as a lump sum, not all projects can be done at once. Some parents fear that construction of the new Albany Middle School will push retrofitting out of the picture for a significant time. Members of the group asked Hudson whether the board had any plans for retrofitting that hadn't yet been shared with the public.

"People should know that we have no good reason to conceal information from the public," he said. "I have told everyone connected with the Master Plan that the only expense we won't be able to trim is the actual cost of seismic and safety improvements. In a sense, those costs will drive reductions in other areas."

He also added that site analyses have been done and are being written into a summary report which will be available soon. "There's a lot of raw data. As far as I know, the only thing that hasn't been done yet is destructive testing. But it will be done. Frankly, we're all impatient for results. But we have to depend on experts to

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La Force agrees the idea is definitely "worth pursuing," in that it would address traffic, parking and creek restoration issues. He said he had informally "run it by" fellow council members, who also agree it's worth taking a look at.

Brodsky and La Force have been working together on a number of issues related to the school proposal. They are particularly interested in restoring the creek that runs through the middle school property and then alongside El Cerrito Plaza. Both city councils support restoration of the Plaza-side creek; the School Board has said it will keep the school's creek portion undergrounded.

From La Force's viewpoint, "If the school district wants to do this, and can work it out with (the Plaza's property owner), it would have to be an absolute condition that they open up the creek."

At the same time, La Force stressed the fact that there are a number of issues that must be resolved before any such solution could be achieved, among them the fact that all parties, from the private owner of the eastern portion of the Plaza to the School Board, must come to a mutual agreement.

Lucky has shown interest in building a larger store at the southeast corner of the Plaza property, the area closest to the proposed middle school. La Force said, however, that the council is not initially supportive of the plan, in that it would "put up a huge building right against the BART path, not an attractive idea to me from an aesthetic standpoint or in terms of safety from crime" (these issues have also been raised by Sustainable El Cerrito). A relocated store would "interfere

with the creek greenway," and would "gear parking for the Lucky store, establishing a circulation pattern that might be to the detriment of other Plaza businesses," La Force said.

No official proposal has been received; the idea has only been discussed "in concept" at council level.

Transit-related housing in the southern area of El Cerrito is also a subject of discussion for the City Council, though a number of different options are still being explored through the community planning process.

La Force does not see "housing and the school parking plan (at the Plaza) as being mutually incompatible, except for a portion of the site," if indeed, such a concept plan ever came to fruition.

In that Brodsky's suggestion would open up the creek, reducing traffic congestion in the neighborhood and draw in potential shoppers to the Plaza as they park on school business, La Force believes the idea might provide a "win-win solution" for everyone concerned.

"You want to try to plan for the future, but right now, we have an existing shopping center with available parking. It's an excellent way to bring people to the Plaza," he said, "but everyone has to agree."

El Cerrito City Planner Ed Phillips and City Attorney Howard Stern have scheduled a meeting with Superintendent Hudson. According to Phillips, the meeting isn't designed to propose any specific alternative plans to the district.

"We're just looking forward to a chance to sit down and talk about the project, get some background we haven't previously had, and see what kinds of resolutions for our problems come to mind," he said.

Arrest

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havior calling for adjournment.

Though board members and district staff immediately left the meeting room at Cornell Elementary School, McMahon continued his diatribe for the benefit of the dozen audience members in attendance.

McMahon said he is frustrated because after appearing before the City Council and School Board and submitting a petition from residents concerned about the trash problem no action has been taken.

"They have to break out of session every time someone talks about trash. I'm sorry to have to break up this meeting but it seems to be the only way to get action. I've called the police 40 times," McMahon said, noting that the problem will probably get worse once the new middle school is built three blocks away from the high school.

Audience member reaction was mixed between support and anger.

"I can't perceive that it's solely the city or school

district. Part of the responsibility is with the parents. If the parents aren't there or don't know what's going on there isn't an agency in the world that can solve the problem," said parent Karen Carlson-Olson, adding that she resented the interruption and thought McMahon could find a better way to make his point.

Another parent, however, lauded McMahon's action.

"Thank you for having the courage to come here and stand up like this," said Marty Rutherford, who earlier told the board that illicit drug use at Albany High School is rampant.

"I perceive our children to be in a crisis situation. The availability of drugs at the high school is alarming. On any given day (my daughter) is able to procure any drug," Rutherford said.

District staff said they would immediately look into that problem and bring information back to the board as soon as possible.

Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben, on the hand, was less than thrilled.

"I am certainly disappointed that Berkeley would fit to intrude into the affairs of the city of Albany," he said. "It's a very bad example of how to conduct internal affairs."

Zweben has also said in the past that if Berkeley to become involved in the lawsuit, it might cause blood between the two cities.

At the heart of the lawsuit is the question of a city-sponsored initiative that can be considered prior CEQA. Although the CRG lost the battle in the Court last year, most insiders in the case have said true test will come at the appeals court level.

A notice of appeal was filed March 18. The CRG until approximately June 15 to file the first brief appeal itself. If the lawsuit is decided in Albany, the city will receive \$1.35 million up front in fees and a guaranteed \$1.2 million a year in taxes. Most involved in the case expect that it will be resolved until sometime in 1997.

The Sierra Club refrained from filing a similar February after Ladbroke and Albany signed an agreement promising a full environmental review on the proposed cardroom. Although Zweben said that the brief will have no effect on the outcome of the CRG's Outis disagreed.

"An amicus brief helps give some force to a case if substantial groups or bodies join in," he said.

Council members might also examine the small drop in positive response to interaction with city employee or council member, Franz said. The largest group (43 percent) found the person helpful, while the second largest group (21 percent) found the person somewhat helpful.

The 64 percent total compares to a 72 percent response in 1990.

Respondents generally found the person courteous or very courteous, however, for a 64 percent compared to a former 96 percent.

Whether courtesy or helpfulness is concerned, said, the difference in the surveys is "not statistically significant."

On the other hand, the slight change in perception is worth considering, she said.

provide them."

School Board President Alan Riffer agreed, that in the short run, the official opinion of the school district based on a licensed engineer's professional judgment that Albany schools are not unsafe. With two children in the High School, Riffer said he hasn't a moment's hesitation about their safety.

"But I am concerned that my son is getting a education in a 1950s science room," he added. "Safety is one of three high priorities in the use of money."

The language of the 1993 bond measure calls for rehabilitating existing buildings and constructing new classrooms, as well as improving "health, safety, seismic standards."

Retrofit Albany Schools Now is circulating a petition among Albany residents that calls for making school safety the first priority among projects authorized by bond vote.

"We know that everyone in this room is concerned about child safety," said James Carter, summarizing the group's goal. "There's really only one question: Do schools need retrofitting, and if so, when?"

Steven Brokken agreed, adding, "We don't disagree with what's going on. We do have a understanding about what is going on."

Youth

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by the group. A number of people repeated the idea that relationships across town need to improve: The city, school and school district should work together more, and need for improved relations between teenagers and police department and people need to spend less time behind closed doors and out on the street getting into each other.

"I'd like to see the leaders of this community high school, accept help and support. The more openly handle a problem, the easier it is to cope," said task force member Nigel Arcott, who suggested that the city's teen center moved from its school location.

"I'd like to move the teen center right out of the Avenue so that is has nothing to do with schools, not too far away," he said.

Michelle Arreola, a task force member representing the YMCA, said an expanded high school center should be a priority, as well as attention on diversity and less labeling of youth.

"We should refrain from overlabeling kids. Times all of our kids are vulnerable and at risk," said Albany Police Officer Ron Bennett against racism exists.

"One day I was jogging and someone called out to me. The units showed up and said 'hey! It's you, kind of stuff does go on. There is a point where you need to be educated. When I first came to the someone called in to say 'I think one of your points may have been stolen,' and I was wearing a uniform," said.

As an alternative the city should "celebrate diversity instead of tolerating it. It's true Albany as a white place and people of color I know would like to move here because they don't feel there is a place for them," she said.

Another alternative offered by task force member Yanez is the inclusion of more night time activities.

"Night time and weekend events are an alternative to violence and drugs and create a climate in this community that says alcohol and drugs is not something we want in this community, instead of telling (youth) bad or criminalizing them," Yanez said.

Arturo Flores, middle school vice principal, believes the key lies in getting the community involved more.

"It's the idea of getting neighbors and adults outside more often and see what's going on in the neighborhood," he said, adding that residents together for a game of touch football can have a influence on youth.

"Young people these days have no clue about extended family or community," he said.

High school student Lauren Mack said that

See YOUTH

Making an offer? Do your homework

Although there are no set rules to tell you how much to offer on a house, the price you decide on should not be a product of mere guesswork. Deciding what price to offer for a house should be based on a number of factors.

Your offer should be based on local market conditions, and on how well the house is priced. Find out how fast homes are selling, and whether they are selling for close to the asking prices.

In hot markets, well-priced houses sell for very close to the list price—usually within a five percent range. In slower-paced markets, where prices are soft, the gap between the list and sale price may be considerably more than five percent.

Your agent can help by providing you with comparable sales information. And by showing you comparable listings. If you skip this crucial step, and blindly make an

uneducated offer, you could overpay for a property that is priced too high for the market.

Or, you could err in the other direction and make a ridiculously low offer. In so doing, you might offend the sellers, who then become tough negotiators. A bigger risk in making an inappropriately low offer is that you could lose the house to another buyer who is better informed, and who makes a more reasonable offer.

How much you can afford to pay for the house should also be taken into account. By the time you make an offer to buy a house, you should be lender prequalified. If you are not prequalified, talk to a loan agent or mortgage broker, before you make an offer to make sure that you can qualify for the financing you need to complete the purchase.

Property condition effects how much you can pay. So, find out as much as you can about the condi-

tion of the house before you make an offer. Ask if there are any existing reports available, such as termite, house, or roof inspections. Find out if the sellers plan to complete any work as a part of a sale agreement. Make sure to budget for major repairs that the sellers are unwilling to pay for.

In preparation for making an offer, you should find out as much as you can about the sellers and about the market history of their house. Try to find out why the sellers are selling. Are they transferring, divorcing, or selling to settle an estate? Have they bought another house, or do they need to sell before they can buy?

In each circumstance, the sellers' needs and motivations will be a little different. If the sellers have already bought another home, they may be willing to accept a lower price if the buyer can close quickly. If the sellers are buying a house that

is under construction, they may accept a lower price from buyers who will let them stay in their old house until the new house is complete.

Is there anything unusual about the sellers' reason for selling that might effect the selling price? This information may be difficult to come by.

For example, if the sellers are selling because they have an urgent need to put their hands on as much cash as possible, they may have instructed their agent not to reveal this fact to anyone.

Regarding the market history of the house, find out how long the house has been on the market. Is the current list price the original list price? Have there been price reductions? How long ago was the last price reduction made? If the price was reduced some time ago, and the house still is not selling, the sellers may be considering another price reduction. If so, they might be re-

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ceptive to a lower offer.

Have there been any offers on the house? If so, why were they rejected? Are the buyers who made the offer still interested in the house, or did they purchase another house?

Be sure to ask if there is flexibility in the seller's price? This is another question that you might not get a straight answer to, but it's a question that's always worth asking.

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Freddie Mac & COFI decline

On April 24 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgage slipped three basis points to 7.92 percent from last week's average of 7.95 percent. A year ago the 30-year fixed rate was 8.26 percent.

The rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) also dipped to 5.74 percent from last week's average of 5.75 percent. A year ago, the 1-year ARM was 6.30 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages this week is 7.43 percent, also down from last week's figure of 7.48 percent. A year ago, the 15-year interest rate was 7.80 percent.

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 25th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey, having tracked mortgage interest

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The Federal Reserve and interest rates

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Established in 1913, the Fed consists of a seven member Board of Governors appointed by the President that serves as its central governing body. The nation is divided into 12 Federal Reserve Districts represented by 12 Federal Reserve Banks. Since its establishment, the Fed has become responsible for directing the nation's monetary policy, maintaining the liquidity and stability of banking and other financial markets, and regulating and supervising commercial banks in efforts to avoid bank failures.

Although the Fed has many responsibilities, most investors only think of the Fed as having control over the interest rates that influence our nation's financial markets.

There are many different interest rates, but the Fed has direct control over only one interest rate — the "discount rate." The discount rate is the interest rate the Fed charges its member banks on money borrowed for certain short-term loans. As of April 1, 1996 the discount rate stood at 5 percent.

The Fed also has influence over the federal funds rate, which is in the interest rate charged on overnight loans between banks. Although the Fed does not directly set the Federal Funds Rate, it can control (by increasing or decreasing) the amount of money it pushes into the nation's banking system.

By controlling these rates, the Fed can, to some extent, control the nation's economic cycles. Consider the following examples:

If the nation's economy rapidly expands, historically the threat of inflation becomes a worry for consumers. Inflation, defined as a general increase in the price of goods and services, erodes consumer purchasing power. Since the Fed's

monetary policy aims at a zero-inflation economy, it will assist in fighting inflation by increasing and/or influencing these key interest rates.

By raising the fed funds rate, the Fed decreases the amount of money available to the national banking system. And because banks tend to base the rates charged for business and consumer loans on the discount rate, an increase in the discount rate will usually lead to banks increasing their lending rates. By making borrowed money more expensive, the Fed hopes to slow inflation by slowing the rate at which money is spent.

The opposite is true when the economy is dragging and needs an extra monetary boost. The Fed "loosens" the nation's money supply by decreasing the Federal Funds and Discount Rates. By lowering these rates, the Fed makes more money available to the nation's banks and borrowed money cheaper for consumers and businesses. The infusion on money helps stimulate consumer spending and promote economic growth.

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you want to take a note of the actions of the Federal Reserve. An investment professional can assist you in understanding how interest rate changes can affect the performance of your investments.

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Kitchen tour this Sunday

The East Bay French-American School (Ecole Bilingue de Berkeley) offers a tour of eight East Bay kitchens designed by leading architects, a celebrity chef breakfast in a Piedmont home, a gourmet lunch at a Willis Polk estate in Berkeley, and a raffle that includes a grand prize of a trip for two to Paris (in-

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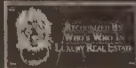
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On April 30, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for May payments at 4.874 percent, down from the 4.975 percent that was in effect for April payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages; the 4.874 rate will remain in effect through May 31.

Firm relocates to Berkeley

Ron Wigginton/Land Studio has relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area after 15 years practice in Southern California. Land Studio is a landscape architecture, urban design and planning firm.

Principal Ron Wigginton, who grew up in El Cerrito, and is a fourth-generation Bay Area resident, is excited to be creating new projects in Northern California.

The American Institute of Architecture and the American Society of Landscape Architects have awarded Land Studio numerous awards for design excellence at the local and national level.

Wigginton founded Land Studio in 1981 and has established it as one of the outstanding design firms on the West Coast, with projects published nationally and

internationally.

Landscape architectural and urban design projects include a design/planning study of Harlem, N.Y., and numerous high-image corporate, civic, and private projects, in San Diego, La Jolla, and Del Mar.

Locally, Land Studio is working on the renovation of a major plaza at San Jose State University, on the planning for a new BART Station for San Bruno, a single-room-occupancy hotel in Palo Alto, and has completed the landmark Rutherford Grill in the Napa Valley.

Ron Wigginton/Land Studio is now located in Berkeley at 733 Allston Way, near the popular Fourth Street commercial redevelopment area.

'Statements of Information' and their role

When a title company seeks to uncover matters affecting title to real property, the answer is, "Quite a bit."

Statements of Information provide title companies with the information they need to distinguish the buyers and sellers of real property from others with similar names. After identifying the true buyers and sellers, title companies may disregard the judgments, liens or other matters on the public records under similar names.

To help you better understand this sensitive subject, the California Land Title Association has answered some of the questions most commonly asked about Statements of Information.

What is a Statement of Information?

A Statement of Information is a form routinely requested from the buyer, seller and borrower in a transaction where title insurance is sought. The completed form provides the title company with information needed to adequately examine documents so as to disregard matters which do not affect the property to be insured, matters which actually apply to some other person.

What does a Statement of Information do?

Everyday documents affecting

real property — liens, court decrees, bankruptcies — are recorded.

Whenever a title company uncovers a recorded document in which the name is the same or similar to that of the buyer, seller or borrower in a title transaction, the title company must ask, "Does this document affect the parties we are insuring?" Because, if it does, it affects title to the property and would, therefore, be listed as an exception from coverage under the title policy.

A properly completed Statement of Information will allow the title company to differentiate between parties with the same or similar names when searching documents recorded by name. This protects all parties involved and allows the title company to competently carry out its duties without unnecessary delay.

What types of information are requested in a Statement of Information?

The information requested is personal in nature, but not unnecessarily so. The information requested is essential to avoid delays in closing the transaction.

You, and your spouse if you are married, will be asked to provide full name, social security number, year of birth, birthplace, and information or citizenship. If you are married, you will be asked the date

and date of your marriage.

Residence and employment information will be requested, as will information regarding previous marriages if you are divorced.

Will the information I supply be kept confidential?

The information you supply is completely confidential and only for title company use in completing the search of records necessary before a policy of title insurance can be issued.

What happens if a buyer, seller or borrower fails to provide the requested Statement of Information?

At best, failure to provide the requested Statement of Information will hinder the search and examination capabilities of the title company, causing delay in the production of your title policy.

At worst, failure to provide the information requested could prohibit the close of your escrow. Without a Statement of Information, it would be necessary for the title com-

pany to list as exceptions from coverage judgments, liens or matters which may affect the property to be insured. Such exceptions would be unacceptable to most buyers, whose interest must be insured.

Conclusion

Title companies make every attempt in issuing a policy of insurance to identify known matters affecting your property and accurately and correctly transfer so as to protect your interest as a homebuyer.

By properly completing a Statement of Information, you allow the title company to provide the insurance you need with the assurance of confidentiality.

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A guide through the buying process

Number 143 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Buying a house: a step and save guide

Step one: Ask yourself why

What will buying do for you? Take time to imagine and consider your own house-buying motives. Specifically list all the things owning a house will do for you.

Some common reasons given for buying: to become master of your own hearth, wall color and landscaping; to spread out, have a yard and save on income taxes.

Step two: Selecting assistance

Your real estate agent will act as your clone, keeping your interests foremost in mind. She will find you find houses, give you information about them and act as a go-between.

She'll write and negotiate your contract, oversee inspections and loan and title documents as well as recommend experts and lenders. She will act as your confidante and allay your fears.

Usually the agent is paid by the seller but only when the sale is complete. Because she works for

free in the meantime, she will make her priority the serious and realistic buyer: one who knows what he wants and can afford it, recognizes it when he sees it and will move decisively when he does.

If you plan to look at "everything" for "years," realize that your agent can not afford to accompany you on every step of the journey.

Your loan agent will assess your individual financial situation and wishes, explain loan agreements and costs, represent your interests to the lender and make sure that things are done on time.

She will sort through many loans to find the most suitable and least costly one for you. So be frank with her, and even if you don't expect to be buying right away, it will be to your advantage to complete a loan application, pay for a credit report and be preapproved for a loan.

Step three: Money

Use the help of your agents (and perhaps your tax advisor) to determine your costs. Add the numbers, then think about your financial comfort level.

1. Cash down payment.
2. Additional money for closing costs.
3. Loan costs, initial and ongoing.

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4. Property taxes (which vary from city to city).

5. Insurance (varies depending on many factors).

6. Income tax savings.

7. Inspection fees.

8. Compliance with local ordinances.

9. Moving truck, window coverings and such, utilities, repairs, upgrades.

Step four: Looking at houses

1. **Neighborhoods.** Talk to friends, call the beat cop, consider the proximity to freeways, shopping, schools, recreation, quiet.

2. **House construction styles.** Learn something about common amenities depending on house age: electrical panels (circuit breakers vs. fuses), roofs (old/new, flat/pitched, composition shingle/tar & gravel), plumbing (galvanized/copper), heating (floor and wall units/central heat), flooring, foundations (slab/perimeter, earthquake retrofitting).

3. **Specific house details.** **Termite reports.** These generally cover wood destroying organisms such as dry rot, fungus and insects; only occasionally do they provide clues about the strength or stability of the foundation or of the overall structure.



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Transfer disclosure forms. State law requires sellers to write down for you such things as neighborhood nuisances known to them, roof leaks, a fence built on a neighbor's lot.

Your own inspections. These might include a general physical inspection (heating, plumbing, roof, foundation, electrical) and, in some instances, specific experts such as engineers, furnace and fireplace professionals. City files should also be checked.

Hazard Areas. Be aware of designated earthquake, slide, flood and fire hazard areas.

Existing and potential conditions. Teach yourself to see what exists in the houses you look at, as well as what could be. Dirt, paint, carpet, a new hot water heater can be changed fairly easily and inexpensively; moving walls or redoing a kitchen are more extensive.

The perfect house does not exist. Try to zero in on what matters most to you. You might, for in-

stance, compromise by getting more living space in a house on a busy street. Or maybe you'd prefer a new kitchen but can get along without a garden.

Step five: The process of buying

1. **The contract.** Know what your agreement says, what you will receive, what you have promised to do and when. Understand the contingencies ("the outs") that say to the seller, "I will buy your house if such-and-such happens to my satisfaction."

2. **Timing.** Know when you must be done with your inspections, have loan approval, pay your down payment and closing costs, what date you will own the house and get the keys.

3. **Negotiating.** Your agent will negotiate for you according to your instructions. Note that frequently the seller and the buyer compromise on the price but sometimes, the asking price is the fair price. Sometime it is not—but the owner will not sell for less.

If you are a person who must win with money, find a way to win but keep your objective in mind (owning your chosen house), look at the bottom line and believe this: good will often has value.

Anxieties

Buying a house is big. It takes time and thought and can feel overwhelming because money, hearth and home and change are involved. Many of your neuroses will be at the fore. Wisdom dictates, therefore, that in the rush and hubbub you find moments to reflect positively on where you are going and what you will be gaining.

Master of your castle

Get out that list you made, what buying this house would do for you and smile a big smile. It's time to celebrate.

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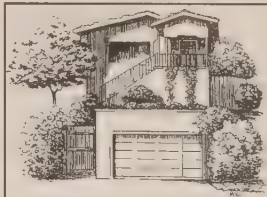
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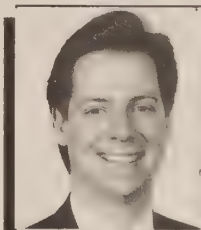
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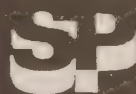


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Housing recovery gains momentum; median home price up from year ago

Closed escrow sales of California detached homes increased during March from the month before and soared nearly 30 percent from a year ago, amid the largest increases in home prices experienced in several years, the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) reported today.

"The March home sales and price statistics represent the most vivid indication yet that California's housing market recovery is gaining momentum," said C.A.R. President Rick Snyder. "Statewide home sales have now increased on a monthly basis during 10 of the last 11 months, and sales also have increased from a year ago for six consecutive months," said Snyder, a San Diego Realtor. "To top it all off, the California median home sales price jumped 3.1 percent during March from the month before—the sharpest monthly increase in home prices recorded in five years," Snyder said. "The strong performance by the California housing market during March helped drive a sharp increase in home sales in the Western region, while also contributing to the double-digit percentage sales increase registered nationwide," Snyder added.

Among highlights of C.A.R.'s March resale housing figures:

- Statewide, 510,270 existing, single-family detached homes closed escrow during March on a seasonally-adjusted, annualized basis, up 0.8 percent from an annualized rate of 506,430 homes sold in February.
- The March sales pace jumped 28.6 percent from the March 1995 annualized rate, when 396,660 homes were sold.

The annualized figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 1996 if sales occurred at the March pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors which influence home sales.

- The statewide median price of

an existing, single-family detached home sold during March was \$176,150, up 3.1 percent from \$170,860 in February. The March increase marked the largest month-to-month percentage jump in the statewide median price since March 1991.

- The March median price increased 0.5 percent from March 1995, when the median-priced home sold for \$175,270. This represented the first year-to-year increase registered in the median price since June 1994.

"The March statistics clearly indicate that the California housing market has joined the state's expanding economic recovery—marking an end to many lean years in the nation's largest housing market," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president of research and economics. "We are now seeing significant home price increases on a monthly basis and from a year ago throughout the overall San Francisco Bay Area, the Silicon Valley, and in the Monterey region," said Appleton-Young.

"We are particularly encouraged to see home price improvements in many areas of Southern California, which was hard hit during the recession by aerospace/defense job cutbacks," said Appleton-Young. "Home prices, for example, increased in Los Angeles during March from the month before, and declined only slightly from a year ago. Home prices also stabilized in San Diego and increased sharply in Ventura County from a year ago," Appleton-Young said.

- Fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 7.68 percent during March, up from an average of 7.17 percent in February, but down from 8.46 percent in March 1995, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 5.54 percent in March, up slightly from 5.49 percent in February, but down from 6.43 percent in March 1995.

- C.A.R.'s statewide Unsold Inventory Index was 8.4 months in March, down sharply from 11.4 months in February and 11.2 months in March 1995. The Index measures the number of months it would take to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current rate of sales.

- Statewide, closed-escrow sales of condominiums jumped 46.5 percent during March from the February sales level on a non-seasonally adjusted basis. Existing condo sales climbed 34.6 percent from the March 1995 sales level.

- The median price of a resale condominium was \$138,950 during March, up 3.3 percent from \$134,560 in February, and up 1.0 percent from \$137,620 in March 1995.

- The condo Unsold Inventory Index was 11.6 months in March, down sharply from 14.3 months in February and 14.4 months in March 1995.

Regional sales and price information are contained in the following charts. (Regional sales data are not adjusted to account for seasonal factors which influence home sales.)

C.A.R.'s median price and sales data for detached homes are based on reports from 90 Boards of Realtors around the state. Median condominium price and sales data are based on a survey of 64 Boards.

The median price for both detached homes and condominiums is based on closed escrow sales. Sales revisions reflect the reseasonalization of monthly sales data using seasonal factors calculated with the 1979-1995 sales.

The California Association of Realtors is one of the largest state trade associations in the United States, with nearly 100,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate. C.A.R. is headquartered in Los Angeles.

Berkeley Realtors join Mason-McDuffie elite



Tim Cannon, manager of Mason-McDuffie's North Berkeley office (right), congratulates Francine DiPalma (left) and Helen Barkin as these two Realtors join the company's Presidents Club. Based on annual gross commissions, the President's Club consists of the 5 percent of the company's 1,500 agents.

New consumer guide points to home improvement money

Most homeowners are unaware that regardless of their income there are federal, state and local programs that will help them repair and remodel their homes.

Government at all levels recognizes that neighborhoods are the basis of life in our country. When a neighborhood deteriorates, many things happen both physically and socially. When the homes look shabby, a neighborhood seems more attractive to crime and criminals. An area in decline is like a spreading cancer. As homes become shabby looking and in need of maintenance, the residents lose their desire to keep up the neighborhood. Streets become receptacles for trash, schools lower their standards and very quickly the selling price of homes in the area drops sharply. This accelerates the cycle of degeneration.

In order to keep and maintain the nation's housing and neighborhoods, governments at all levels have programs to give homeowners money

(that does not have to be repaid) for repairs or to lend them money at below-market levels or at no interest. In many areas utility companies will either do energy conservation work free or at low cost and in other places will lend homeowners money at no interest to pay the contractor of their choice for the necessary work. In addition, there are tax incentives to promote efficient energy use.

These programs are not restricted to low-income people, slum areas or urban neighborhoods. Owners of single- or multifamily dwellings are eligible. While the grants to not have to be repaid, most of the loans offer low or no interest, long terms and low payments.

Some of the other home improvements covered under these programs are: attic and wall insulation, new windows, siding, security doors, and locks, window guards, sidewalks and masonry work, bathrooms and kitchens, electrical and plumbing, new roofs, gutters, and downspouts.

Consumer Education Research Center (CERC), a national nonprofit consumer group formed in 1969, has just published the 1996 edition of Consumers Guide to Home Repair Grants and Subsidized Loans.

The guide lists over 6,000 sources of loan and grant programs offered by federal, state and local govern-

ment, utility companies and typical programs offered and qualify. Form letters for these loan and grant sources included, as well as detailed information on determining your income ratio for eligibility.

"Some programs have a ceiling and others allow loans as much as \$50,000 per year," said CERC Executive Director Robert L. Berko. "These programs for which tenants are eligible and many allow loans with credit risks. In many areas, with disabilities can receive a pay for needed repairs, access ramps and widening ways."

Since it is important that be done properly, the book has a section describing the steps of the cost of many jobs and advice on picking a contractor, negotiating a contract, and that the work is done properly for a fair price. And to communicate with your lawyer and lender, the book has a dictionary of terms used by professionals.

The guide is available for plus \$3 postage and handling. CERC GRANTS, 1980 Spring Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040, (800) 872-0121.

Sallie Mae: planning to save college costs

A 20-page brochure providing a handy overview of the college financial aid process is available from Sallie Mae.

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The Events Calendar does not accept-for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

Artists from El Cerrito, Richmond and Point Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante and Hercules will be participating in the 1996 West County Open Studios, running from Fri., May 3 to Fri., May 24. Join the artists Fri., May 3, 6 to 9 p.m. at the opening reception at the Richmond Art Center, Civic Center Plaza, 25th and Barrett Streets, Richmond. Gallery hours are Tues. through Fri., 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 620-6772 during gallery hours for more information.

The non-profit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents **Drywall: Hands-On Terminals and Pests: Are You In Denial?** and **Cost Estimating**, Sat., May 4. **Drywall Finishes: Hands-On, Architectural Model Making: Hands-On and Portable Tools For Beginners: Hands-On** will be offered on Sun., May 5. For information about weekday classes or to register for classes call 525-

7610.

The 4th annual **Discover East Bay Living 1996 Home Fair** will be held Sat., May 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. under a tent at the El Cerrito Plaza in El Cerrito. Approximately 60 booths will be located under the Big Top with realty companies, lenders civic organizations and home-buying related vendors.

The East Bay French-American School (Ecole Bilingue de Berkeley) offers a tour of eight East Bay kitchens designed by leading architects, a celebrity chef breakfast in a Piedmont home, a gourmet lunch at a Willis Polk estate in Berkeley, and a raffle for hundreds of prizes, including a grand prize of a trip for two to Paris (includes airfare on Air France and hotel), and a bonus prize (those who purchase 72 tickets for \$100 are eligible for this separate drawing) of dinners for two at Chez Patisserie, F&Z, Fleur de Lys, Fringale, Oliveto and O'Chame. Sun. May 5, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour includes catered gourmet luncheon from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and (for \$75 ticket holders) a champagne celebrity chef breakfast in a private Piedmont home

from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$35 for tour and lunch, and \$75 including celebrity chef breakfast. For information, call 549-3790.

The Merritt College Horticultural Department will hold its annual plant sale Sat., May 4 and Sun., May 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the college's Horticultural Department, 12500 Campus Dr., Oakland. The sale will feature rare perennials, unusual vegetables, colorful annuals and old roses. Experts will be on hand to answer questions. For more information call 436-2418.

The University of California Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley presents its annual **Garden Plant Sale**, rain or shine, Sat. May 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members of the Garden are invited to a preview Fri., May 10 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Among the plants offered for sale will be fabulous cymbidium orchids in bloom, bromeliads, vines and perennials of all kinds. Call 642-3343 for more information.

Urban Ecology in association with the East Bay AIA exhibit "**Pulling Downtown Oakland Together**" presents **Reweaving Downtown**

Oakland a walking tour and discussion of the latest developments affecting the fabric of downtown Oakland, Sat., May 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Call 251-6330 to register.

The Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203k mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan product to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320 ext. 240. for other times and locations.

BankAmerica Mortgage presents **Homebuyer Open House Forum**, at 1322 North Main St., Walnut Creek. Learn how much home you can afford, get pre-approved before you start looking and receive a free credit review and analysis. Get the facts on popular 3-5-7- and 10-year fixed rate loans. Call in your special request and our search panel will provide you with select homes in your price range to preview at the forum. Free homebuyers kits will be presented to all those who attend. Call Maura at 295-3205 for more information. This forum is presented on an ongoing basis.

Kathleen Crandall of Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, Inc. teams up with Mike Woodbridge and Kai Matsuda of WebRangers Online Design to present the free seminar **Marketing Your Home On The Internet**. Brokers, home buyers and sellers will benefit from learning how the World Wide Web works. Find out about the latest Internet technologies that can be useful in marketing a home. All levels and abilities welcome. Reservations are required. Call Kathleen at Mason-McDuffie 869-4214 for information on the next workshop.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is held every first and third Wed. of the month at 7 p.m., 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, home inspections and more. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. The next seminar will be held Wed., May 15. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

The Builder's Booksource presents a book signing and slide show for David Easton's new book *The*

Rammed Earth House: Rediscovering America's Most Ancient Building Material, 7 p.m., Thurs., May 16, 1817 Fourth St., Berkeley. Call 845-6874 for more information.

Truitt and White Lumber Co., 624 Hearst Ave., Berkeley presents Connie Burd of Benjamin Moore Paints with **Decorative Paint Finishes**, Sat., May 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Discover how easy it is to create a work of art on your walls, floors, countertops and more. Learn step-by-step how to add the latest designer faux finishes. Reservations required. Call 649-2674.

Catherine Teegarden of RAF Mortgage presents a free seminar, **How to Make Money Using the FHA 203K Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m. Thurs., May 23, at First American Title in the building adjacent to 1528 Webster. Owner-occupants can buy finished properties for no money down. Non-profits (churches or other) can buy and fix up properties for the community that they serve. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell properties using this loan product. Buyers, Realtors, contractors, non-profit organizations, churches, investors are welcome. Reservations are required. Call Teegarden at (510) 528-0767, ext. 17.

The City of Oakland's Office of Cultural Affairs presents the **Adult Arts Camp**, July 27 to Aug. 3 at the Feather River Camp in Quincy, CA. The camp will feature landscape drawing and painting, plein-air oil painting, fabric printing, glass bead making, tai chi and nature classes. The \$400 cost includes classes, transportation and inclusive eight day, seven night accommodations in shared rustic cabins. Call 238-6951 for more information.

Le Tip International, a organization of independent businesspeople devoted to exchanging business leads and helping other members, meets Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m. Guests welcome. Call Lisa Schliff at 236-3002.

The Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, holds its regular meeting on the 2nd Wed. of every month at 6 p.m. at Showplace Square, 2 Henry Adams Street in San Francisco. The Wed. May 8 meeting will feature a "Builders' Roundtable" moderated by Michael Hamman. The June 12 meeting will be held at a special location: the Berkeley Design Center, 3195 Adeline St. in Berkeley. The \$25 ticket includes dinner with wine or beverage, dessert and the program. Call (415) 255-6463 for more information.

The Friends of the Latin American Library hold regular meetings at the Latin American Library, 1900 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. Join in to support the library as it enters its 30th year of service. For more information call the library at 535-5620.

If you're interested in joining the **Phantom of the Opera fan club** or want to receive their newsletter, call Alison Trammell at 682-4793.

For inclusion in *Events*, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047 Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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6125 FAIRLANE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/3BA.....\$469,000 New listing! 4-year old custom home, exceptional quality. Dee Knowland	1427 BARROWS RD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/2BA.....\$299,500 Stylish & charming, updated kitchen & baths, level yard. Joe Knowland
1527 MOUNTAIN BLVD, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/2+BA.....\$425,000 English cottage on almost 1/4 acre in beaut. setting, fam rm. Thomas Wurst	5826 BALBOA DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/1BA.....\$299,000 Bright, cheerful home in park-like setting, hwd floors. Donna DeBardi
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5797 SCARBOROUGH DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$369,000 Contemporary w/privacy & view, hwd floors, family room. Nancy Chew	367 VERNON ST. #1, ADAMS POINT - 2BD/1BA.....\$165,000 Unique 2-level unit, great condition, built-ins, hwd floors. Dick Cohen
1877 GRANDVIEW, HILLER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/3BA.....\$359,500 End unit with SF/GG views, custom finishes, sunny patio. Teri Carlisle	6548 MOKELUMNE AVE., MILLSMONT - 2BD/1BA.....\$139,000 Charming cottage, country setting, many upgrades, yard. Lee Jacobson
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PANORAMIC VIEWS - CLAREMONT HILLS.....\$639,000 New construction on large choice lot. 4BD/3+BA, French doors to 500 sq ft wraparound porch, entertainment room. Dee Knowland	ALL LEVEL - PARKRIDGE ESTATES.....\$285,000 This immaculate, one level home features 3BD/2BA, separate dining room, family room off kitchen, hardwood floors. Nancy Chew
GREAT SPACE, VIEW, LOCATION.....\$499,500 5000 sq ft contemporary on a quiet cul-de-sac. 4+BD/4+BA, open floor plan, elegant master suite, decks. Dick Cohen	CHARMING FERNWOOD COTTAGE.....\$228,000 This bright home is conveniently located to shopping, schools & trans. 2BD/1BA, lovely yard with trees and flowers. Joan Dark
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DRAMATIC TRADITIONAL.....\$364,000 Newer construction, 3BD/2+BA, family room with fireplace, luxurious master suite, many artistic touches. Helen Danhakt: 547-5750	LUXURY CONDOMINIUM.....\$179,000 Spacious unit in well maint. bldg, conveniently located. 2BD/2BA, LR with wet bar & frpl, dining room, den, 2 decks. Sandi Klemmer
PIEDMONT PINES CONTEMPORARY.....\$339,000 Private setting with serene canyon views. Dramatic living room, 3BD/2+BA, fabulous eat-in kitchen, 4 large decks. Teri Carlisle	A GREAT HOME VALUE!.....\$129,000 This pretty home has 2BD/1BA, eat-in kitchen, sunny patio, room for a garden and a one-car attached garage. Joan Dark

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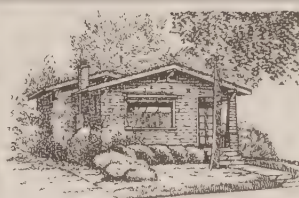
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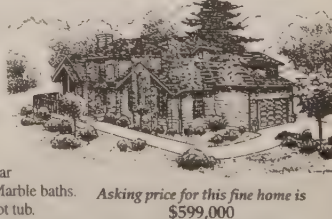
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6101 MAZUELA DR., Montclair Estates, new home, view, quality \$929,000
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5701 COUNTRY CLUB, Claremont Pines, gourm. kit, office, gdn \$895,000
The GRUBB Company, Bonnie Hirsch 339-0400

119 BEECHWOOD DR., Claremont Pines, elegant colonial, gardens \$849,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

5963 MANCHESTER, Claremont Pines 5bd/4 1/2ba, new listing \$849,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

6000 BROADWAY TER., Rockridge 5+bd/3+ba, library, aupair \$769,000
Mason-McDuffie, Gerry B. 254-0440 SUNDAY 1-4

6414 SWAINLAND RD., 4+bd/3ba, awesome, drama, land, view! \$747,500
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

5940 MONZAL AVE., Montclair, new custom 4 3/4, office, dbl lot \$729,000
The GRUBB Company, Jeanette Roach 339-0400

13735 SKYLINE BL., Hillcrest Estates, 3bd/3 1/2ba, guest house \$721,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

5911 BUENA VISTA, Rockridge, 4++bd/3+ba, quality, extras! \$719,000
The GRUBB Company, Debra J. Dryden 339-0400

22 SHERIDAN, Upper Rockridge 4+bd, new construction, den, view \$699,000
Mason-McDuffie, N. Hinkley 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

5435 GOLDEN GATE, 3+bd/2 1/2ba, new traditional w/bay view \$649,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Florence 869-4250 SUNDAY 1-4

1260 GRAND VIEW, 4bd/3 1/2ba, custom everything! \$649,000
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000

1160 DRURY RD., Great bay view! 4 1/3 new constr, FDR, fam rm \$599,000
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Dickey, Ole Hammer 339-1174

5981 GIRVIN DR., Piedmont Pines 4+bd/3ba \$599,000
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

7251 SKYLINE, Montclair views, 5bd/4+ba, aupair, office, private \$599,000
Coldwell Banker, Ken McDonald 339-1174

1007 SUNNYHILLS RD., Stately 3bd, den/playrm, gorgeous garden \$599,000
Templeton Company, Gini Erick 652-2133 X133

5055 DUBLIN AVE., Joaquin Miller 5+bd/4ba, new listing! lvt lot \$575,000
Better Homes, Dawn Ellis 287-2648

14 CLIPPER HILL, Hiller, lg view home, 4bd/3ba, FDR \$569,000
Coldwell Banker, Olie Hammer 339-1174

56 SHERIDAN, 5bd/4ba traditional new home \$567,000
Mason-McDuffie, M. Erickson 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

264 SHERIDAN, 7bd/4+ba, lots of room to grow! \$539,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

2727 LAS AROMAS, Montclair classic trad, 4+bd/3+ba, office \$529,000
The GRUBB Company, Stacy Ewing 339-0400

5958 ALMADEN LN., Montclair 4+bd/3 1/2ba w/view, total seclusion \$499,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Landee 869-4225 SUNDAY 1-4

16 WALDECK CT., Piedmont Pines 3+bd/2 1/2ba, cul-de-sac, 3034 sf \$499,000
Better Homes, Jan Neff 339-8400

1832 GRANDVIEW DR., North Hills 3+bd/2+ba new home, views \$499,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

81 SKYWAY LANE, Hillcrest Estate 4bd/2ba new listing! ranch \$495,000
Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1670

5850 PINWOOD, 4bd/2 1/2ba on large lot, quiet neighborhood \$485,000
Gallagher & Lindsey, Debbie 748-1806

1054 SUNNYHILLS RD., Charming Crocker 3bd/2 1/2ba, updt'd kitchen \$475,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

6125 FAIRLANE DR., Montclair 3+bd/3ba new listing! custom \$469,000
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

5595 FERNHOFF RD., Hillcrest Estates 4bd/3 1/2ba just listed! \$469,000
Better Homes, Patricia Bennett 482-9000

5822 HARBORD DR., Montclair, gourmet kitchen, 5bd/3ba, frpl, gdn \$459,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

1864 GRANDVIEW, Hiller Highlands 3bd/3ba twm, gourmet kit \$459,000
Coldwell Banker, Olie Hammer 339-1174

6601 COLTON BL., Montclair, stately 4bd/3 1/2ba, sunny and private \$459,000
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400

825 PARAMOUNT, Crocker Highlands 3bd/2 1/2ba, just listed! trad! \$449,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

1080 HUBERT RD., Elegant, dramatic 3+bd/2+ba, lvt garden \$449,000
Coldwell Banker, Stacy Winett 339-1174

5259 HARBORD DR., Upr Rockridge 5 3/4' trad'l, aupair or rental down \$449,000
swim, pool, city vws. Coldwell Banker, J. Babington 547-1615 SUNDAY 1-5

6040 OCEAN VIEW, New listing, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2+ba Med \$445,000
Templeton Company, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4

6905 EXETER DR., Piedmont Pines 4+bd/3 1/2ba, slashed \$30K \$439,500
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

4326 VIEW CREST CT., 5bd/3ba w/bay views, level-in \$438,900
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

1527 MOUNTAIN BL., Montclair 4+bd/2+ba English cottage \$425,000
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460

5917 MARGARIDO, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2+ba, prime location, charm \$419,000
Better Homes, Vickie Chan Case 522-3957

6611 LIGGETT, Montclair 4b/3b spacious contemp, assumable loan \$415,000
Better Homes, Edith Marcus 339-9281

12 MARLIN COVE, Hiller, SF and Bay view from 2 lvs, 2bd/2 1/2ba \$405,000
Coldwell Banker, Olie Hammer 339-1174

1343 BARROWS, Crocker Highlands 3 1/2 tudr, mstr w/frpl, gardens \$389,000
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

5869 AMY DRIVE, Upr Rockridge 3+bd/2+ba, huge rumpus, FDR \$389,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

5681 OAK GROVE AVE., Remodeled 4bd Rockridge craftsman \$389,000
Templeton Company, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4

6167 VIEWCREST DR., Ridgemont 3+bd/2+ba, views, lvt backyd \$385,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

6119 HARWOOD, Prime Rockridge, 3+bd/2+ba, landscaped \$385,000
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

3299 BRUNELL, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba with pano view \$379,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 SUNDAY 1-4

6 BOWLES PL., Crocker Highlands 3+bd/2ba on cul-de-sac \$375,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Millions 869-4233 SUNDAY 1-4

1310 MOUNTAIN BL., Montclair 4bd/3ba, 3 frpls, mstr suite, FDR \$375,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-SOLD

8390 SKYLINE BL., Montclair dramatic contemporary, FDR, frpl \$369,000
Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174

5797 SCARBOROUGH DR., Montclair 4bd/2+ba, privacy, hwdw \$369,000
Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

1 TEMPLAR PLACE, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2 1/2ba, a real jewel! \$369,000
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174

25 KINGWOOD RD., Sweeping SF view, 3+bd/2 1/2ba, family rm, den \$369,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

29 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller, new townhouse, bay/bridge vw, 3/3 \$367,500
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

5565 MASONIC, Hillcrest, 5bd, spacel \$365,000
Mason-McDuffie, Nancy Moore 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

1877 GRANDVIEW, Hiller 3 1/3 end unit w/SF/GG views, custom \$359,500
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

4810 TRINIDAD AVE., 4bd/3ba mini fam, 2 kitchens, lovey yd \$359,000
Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 272-9030

6276 ASPINWALL RD., Montclair 3bd/3ba, family rm, spa, decks \$359,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

6125 ASPINWALL, Montclair 4bd/4ba in duplex arrangement, nice \$355,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0200 SUNDAY 1-4

3231 BRUNELL, 3bd/2 1/2ba contemporary, grt view, quiet, secluded \$349,500
Gadsby & Associates, George 748-5300

4 BOWLES PL., Crocker Highlands cul-de-sac, 3bd, aupair, garden \$349,500
The GRUBB Company, Susan Veit 339-0400

1362 BARROWS, Just listed, 4bd/2 1/2ba, yard, rumpus, 2-car garage \$349,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

15 HUMPHREY PL., 2bd/1ba, 1st open! Normandy off Treestle Glen \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710

2424 STOCKBRIDGE DR., Pied Pines 3bd/1 1/2ba, hwdw, lvt garden \$339,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

1049 HUBERT, Classic traditional style, pool, decking \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie, Herman 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

6305 MELVILLE, Montclair 3bd/2ba, views, large rumpus \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie, Monica 848-3711 SUNDAY 1-4

1911 MANZANITA DR., 3bd/1 1/2ba, Montclair, family room, pano vw \$330,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888 SUNDAY 1-4

6680 PINENEEDLE, Montclair 2-story, decks, frpls, 4/3, gourmet kit \$329,500
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400

6240 AUBURN AVE., Rockridge 3bd/1 1/2ba charming traditional \$325,000
Pacific Union, Helen Danhaik 547-5750

4071 LYMAN RD., Oakmore 3bd/1 1/2ba new listing! \$315,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400

935 WARFIELD, 4bd/2ba, great yd, jacuzzi, win a Bay Cruise \$315,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4

2200 TIFFIN RD., Oakmore 3bd/3ba colonial, rumpus, cook's kit \$310,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

1955 GOULDIN RD., Montclair 4bd/2 1/2ba, woodsy, cul-de-sac, lvt yd \$309,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400

819 NORTHVALE, Crocker 3bd/3ba updated ranch, family rm \$307,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

2320 LEIMERT, Upr Oakmore, best buy! 3 1/2/2, reduced \$45K \$305,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643

6924 COLTON BLVD, Montclair, 4bd/2ba, gracious, intimate appeal \$305,000
Coldwell Banker, Dell M. Orr 339-1174

2915 BAGSHOTTE, Montclair 3bd/2ba REO/Seller finance, view \$299,950
Mason-McDuffie, Stan Hicks 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4

1890 CLEMENS RD., Superb Tudor, remod kit, 2bd, office, brkfst rm \$299,900
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000

725 MANDANA, Crocker Highlands just listed! 3bd/2ba, rumpus \$299,500
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

1427 BARROWS RD., Crocker Highlands stylish 4bd/2ba, level yd \$299,500
Pacific Union, Joe Knowland 339-6460

994 VERMONT, Grand Lake 3+bd/1 1/2ba, reduced! mini-mansion \$299,500
Better Homes, Michael Kelley 287-9576

5760 SCARBOROUGH, Montclair 3bd/2ba w/huge garden, bay view \$299,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Miller 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

5826 BALBOA DR., Montclair 3bd/1ba, park-like setting, hwdw \$299,000
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460

1760 GOULDIN, Fab setting! 3bd/1 1/2ba, one level, new listing! \$295,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

6655 MOORE DR., Piedmont Pines 3bd/2ba, huge multi-purpose rm \$294,500
Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036

4338 TERRABELLA, Redwd Hts 3bd/2ba, bay vw, incredible value \$294,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ed Marshall 869-4244 SUNDAY 1-4

920 CARLSTON AVE., Crocker Highlands 3bd/2ba, 1st open, split lvt \$290,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-SOLD

70 ABBOTT DR., Montclair 3bd/2ba, seclusion & sun! mstr w/frpl \$289,000
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

6155 BROOKSIDE, Rockridge new listing, 3bd/2ba craftsman \$289,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 SUNDAY 1-4

5851 MCANDREW DR., Montclair 3bd/2ba, value private lvt living \$289,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

1132 NORWOOD AVE., Duplex, 2b/1b ea. unit, hwdw, yd, balconies \$285,000
Owner 832-6558 SUNDAY 11-3

455 VALLE VISTA, 2+bd/2 1/2ba, spacious, updated, wkshp, charm \$282,000
Mason-McDuffie 845-0211 SUNDAY 1-4

4266 FRUITVALE, Fab gardens, privacy, super SF bay vw, 2+2+2 \$279,500
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000

4107 OAKMORE, Charming 3bd Tudor, 3bd/2ba fixer w/potential \$279,000
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000

6070 THORNHILL CT., Montclair 3bd/2ba \$279,000
Better Homes 339-8400

7227 HOMEWOOD DR., Montclair 3+bd/2+ba, contemp hideaway \$278,500
Mason-McDuffie, Yolanda Fong 845-0211 SUNDAY 1-4

5321 MANILA, Prime Rockridge 2+bd/1+ba, grt location, yard \$277,500
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

300 CAPRICORN, Montclair 3+bd/2ba light, bright, studio/office \$275,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400

1462 TRESTLE GLEN, 3bd/1+ba, charm! \$274,500
Mason-McDuffie, Amberson McCulloch 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4

1230 HOLMAN, Crocker Highlands classic, 2-car garage \$270,000
Mason-McDuffie, Poppy 848-3711, 273-9225 SUNDAY 1-4

1121 GLENDORA AVE., Glenview charming duplex 2 1/2 & 1 1/2, deck \$269,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400

780 GLENDOME CIR., Glenview 4+bd/3ba, large lot, pano views \$269,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, J. Garcia 869-4211 SUNDAY 1-4

2483 CORDOVA ST., Historic Dimond Med, 3bd/2 1/2ba, details! vlt \$260,000
The GRUBB Company, Kathleen Callahan 339-0400

4025 BRIGHTON, Glenview 3bd/2ba, space, light, extras! \$259,900
Mason-McDuffie, C. Peters 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

4761 DAVENPORT, SF view, huge LR w/beam ceiling, 3/2, lvt yard \$259,000
Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000

6726 SARONI DR., Montclair 3bd/2ba, new decks, hwdw, updt'd kit \$259,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-SOLD

6951 BROADWAY TERRACE, 3bd/3ba with great aupair! \$259,000
Mason-McDuffie, Vince 339-9290 SUNDAY 1-4

1960 MAGELLAN, Montclair 2bd/1b, nw roof/carpet/paint, beaut! \$255,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Boze 869-4203 SUNDAY 1-4

872 YORK, 1bd/1ba duplex, fireplaces, laundry \$255,000
Mason-McDuffie, Charlotte 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4

5646 THORNHILL, 3bd/2ba in mint condition! Montclair \$253,000
Mason-McDuffie, 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4

5828 COLTON BL., Montclair, walk to village, 3+bd/2b fixer \$249,950
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

4406 WHITTLE AVE., Oakmore 3bd/2ba quiet retreat, new paint \$249,950
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

6324 SNAKE RD., Montclair 3+bd/2ba, new on market, pvt setting \$249,000
Better Homes, Harry Kress 531-2140

3838 GLEN PARK, 1912 gem! 2+bd, bay windows, leaded glass, yd \$249,000
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000

10840 CAMERON, 3bd/2ba ranch style, deck, garden \$249,000
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 531-7000

1710 ARROWHEAD, Tree top vistas, 3bd/2ba, large decks \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174

1848 DRAKE, Pano views, 2bd/2ba, lovely lot, fruit trees, frpl \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Jim Duffy 339-1174

5360 ESTATES DR., Upr Rockridge starter, 2+2, frpl, dbl garage \$249,000
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 531-7000

4631 DOLORES AVE., Glenview 2bd/1ba craftsman w/studio, sharp \$248,000
Better Homes, Fiona MacIntyre 339-8400

4437 CARSON, 3+bd/1+ba gorgeous family home \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, Yolanda Fong 845-0211 SUNDAY 1-4

842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2 garages, MUST SELL! \$248,000
Owner 834-8768 SUNDAY 11-5 & MONDAY 3-6 5% Down

5 CLAREWOOD LN., 2+bd/2 1/2ba, great buy! needs TLC \$248,000
Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Brenner 339-1174

485 PEDESTRIAN WAY, Rockridge 2bd/1ba sunny craftsman, yrpl \$248,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

3834 BEAUMONT, Glenview 4bd/2ba traditional, deck, barn, FDR \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, L. Clarke 869-4210 SUNDAY 1-4

517 GLENVIEW AVE., Lakeshore 3+bd/1 1/2ba, just listed, craftsman \$248,000
Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 272-9030

6633 HEARTWOOD, Montclair 3bd/2ba, views, hardwood flrs, frpl \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

4115 MIDVALE, Redwood Hts 3bd/1 1/2ba w/pano views, level yd \$248,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400

3993 LYMAN RD., Oakmore 3bd/1+ba, hlt view, hwdw floors, lg yd \$248,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

489 MAULEY, 3bd/2ba sunny, renovated craftsman \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, Monica 848-3711 SUNDAY 1-4

6 CLAREWOOD MALL, Rockridge 2bd/2 1/2ba, 2000 sq ft twm \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, C. Jones 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

6907 SARONI DR., Montclair 2bd/1ba, lg private master bdrm suite, excellent condition, landscaped, fruit trees, Edward Bell Realty \$248,000
Re/Max in Motion, Maria/Randa 522-7110

3850 BRIGHTON, Glenview, craftsman charm, hwdw, FDR, frpl, yrpl \$248,000
Re/Max in Motion, Maria/Randa 522-7110

3951 HUNTINGTON ST., 3bd/2ba Upper High charm! \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. A. Hammond 869-4219 SUNDAY 1-4

3368 JORDAN RD., 2bd/1ba, don't miss this one! move-in condition \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 932-1000 SUNDAY 1-4

6400 PINEHAVEN, Montclair rustic cottage, creek, huge lot \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, Maureen Hogan 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

3924 ROBLEY TER., Off Piedmont Ave, 2+bd/1ba, hwdw, city vw \$248,000
Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 531-7000

1467 HAMPEL, Glenview 2bd+, quality craftsman, just listed \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, Marlene 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

3740 CANON AVE., New listing! 2+bd/1+ba Spanish style, details \$248,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 SUNDAY 2-4

4374 ARDEN PL., Oakmore 2bd/1 1/2ba, quiet, charm, comfort \$248,000
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 530-6099

5130 LAWTON AVE., Rockridge charmer, 2bd w/frpl, hwdw, barn \$248,000
Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174

3815 ELSTON, Glenview major price reduction! 2bd, FDR, barn \$248,000
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 531-7000

3133 ARIZONA, Laurel 2bd/1ba \$248,000
Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495

4241 GILBERT ST., Price reduced! lg sunny duplex, 2/1, studio in rear \$248,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Barbara Kani 652-6973 SUNDAY 2-4

2919 EL MONTE, 3+bd/2+ba and more, wonderful & clean! \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, Ching-Lai Chow 845-0200 SUNDAY 1-4

1256 EXCELSIOR, Charming craftsman, updated kitchen/bath \$248,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

4614 FAIRBAIRN, 3bd/2b, Maxwell Pk, updt'd kitchen, check it out! \$248,000
Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300

1431 E. 36TH ST., Glenview, 2bd, dining room, fam rm, move-in! \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4

3337 KANSAS, 2bd/1ba w/gourmet kitchen, FDR, serene, garden \$248,000
Gadsby & Associates, Bill 748-5300

4645 PARK BL., Glenview 2+bd/1ba, move in condition, grt view \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Moran 869-4236 SUNDAY 1-4

2501 RAMPART, Lincoln Hts 2+bd/1ba, well kept, backyd \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Drexler 869-4224 SUNDAY 1-4

3927 BROWN AVE., Laurel cozy 3 1/4 craftsman bungalow, hwdw \$248,000
Coldwell Banker, Ken McDonald 339-1174

2950 E. 29TH, Fruitvale, 5bd/2ba grand elegant mansion, a steel \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, Yolanda Fong 845-0211 SUNDAY 1-4

2606 MAXWELL, Maxwell Park 3+bd/2ba craftsman, hwdw, deck \$248,000
Better Homes, Michael Harding 287-9598

3380 WYMAN, 3bd/1 1/2ba, FDR, fireplace, decks, nice yard \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, Karen 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4

4500 TULIP, 3bd/2ba above 580 w/bay view \$248,000
Winters Realty, John 759-1800 SUNDAY 2-4

9106 CASTLEWOOD, Oak Knoll 2bd/1ba, decks, views, move in! \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, L. Hassan 869-4209 SUNDAY 1-4

4833 BROOKDALE, 3bd/1ba, Maxwell Park, spacious, views \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4

2468 PALMETTO, Dimond 2+bd/1ba Victorian, updated, garden \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 SUNDAY 1-4

3107 KINGSLAND, Maxwell Park 3bd/1ba bright bungalow, bay vw \$248,000
Pacific Union, Vick Woodhead 339-6460

367 VERNON #3, Adams Point 2 1/4 Spanish Med twmhouse w/frpl \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Dresser 869-4224 SUNDAY 1-4

367 VERNON ST #1, Adams Point 2bd/1ba 2+1 unit, hwdw \$248,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

3948 ARCHMONT PL., Millmont 3bd/2ba, plain outside, darling! \$248,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400

1673 MIAMI CT., Glenview cul-de-sac, 1920's shingled craftsman \$248,000
2bd/1ba, orig. built-ins, updated kitchen, level yard, Gilbert RE 485

1558 EXCELSIOR, 2bd craftsman fixer w/grt potential \$248,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hamman 531-7000

3057 MODESTO AVE., Maxwell Park, 3bd with view \$248,000
John M. Grubb Co., Bill Hickman 254-6033 SUNDAY 1-4

7-3-705 46TH ST., Duplex, 2+bd/1ba each unit, 2-car garage, hwdw \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 526-5143 SUNDAY 1-4

2550 MAXWELL, 2bd/1ba craftsman bungalow, updated bath, yd \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4

4069 MERA, Fruitvale 3bd, large yard, sauna, remodeled bath \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, Craig 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4

519 43RD ST., 2bd/1ba, all updated, yr Telegraph, EZ commute \$248,000
Gadsby & Associates, George 748-5300

2203 13TH AVE., Brookline 3bd/2ba grand Victorian, spa/deck \$248,000
Better Homes, Victor Fiero 339-8400

7850 CREST AVE., Clean 3bd/1ba Cape Cod, partial vw, new paint \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, F. Owens 869-4217 SUNDAY 1-4

458 38TH ST., Temescal large 2bd/1ba, big yard, stained glass \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 466-0133 SUNDAY 1-4

6717 SIMSON ST., Millmont 1+bd/1+ba, charming updt'd bungalow \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, D. Otero 869-4239 SUNDAY 1-4

2202 DAMUTH #5, Dimond 2bd condo, move in condition, new listing \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 869-4236 SUNDAY 1-4

3945 MIDVALE, Laurel, short sale, move in condition, 2bd/1ba \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202 SUNDAY 1-4

6548 MOKEUMNE AVE., Millmont 2bd/1ba charming cottage \$248,000
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

288 WHITMORE #402, 1bd/1ba penthouse, pool, jacuzzi, parking \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, Kay 415-929-5820 SUNDAY 1-4

5787 DOVER, 2bd/1ba, spacious, Old World Charm, bonus studio \$248,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4

388 SANTA CLARA AVE., Three NEW 1+bd/1+ba units, frpl, laundry \$248,000
views, secure, Re/Max, Carol Warren 652-4800

695 MARIPOSA AVE #104, New listing, 2bd/2ba, small secure \$248,000
complex nr Rose Garden. Winters Realty, Ronda 769-1608 SUNDAY

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1007 CALIFORNIA ST, 2bd/1ba perfect starter bungalow! hwdws Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460	\$135,500	577 SANTA BARBARA, Golden Gate view, 3bd/1 1/2ba, French drs Berkeley Hills Realty, Anita Wilson 524-7531 SUNDAY 2-4	\$299,000	96 OAKMONT AVE, Charming trad w/FDR, updt kit, 3+2, rumpus The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400	\$419,000
1008 HANNAH ST, Loft, unique floorplans, gardens Mason-McDuffie 524-2526 SUNDAY 1-4	\$132,000 to \$237,500	1330 QUEENS, 3bd/2ba, bay view, romantic contem w/in-law Mason-McDuffie 254-0440 SUNDAY 1-4	\$299,000	89 OAKMONT, 3bd/2 1/2ba jewel in Sivan setting, dramal Mason-McDuffie, Maddy 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4	\$385,000
1009 MOUNTAIN, 2bd/2ba, pool, sauna, very bright Mason-McDuffie, Alie 845-0200 SUNDAY 1-4	\$126,000	2815 WOOLSEY, New listing! lg 2-story brown shingle fixer Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 SUNDAY 2-4	\$295,000	1608 GRAND AVE, Darling 3/2 trad, split level, hwdws, private The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400	\$365,000
1010 PIERSON, Maxwell Park 3bd/1 1/2ba, bright, new paint Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, E. Barber 869-4204 SUNDAY 1-4	\$125,000	517 THE ALAMEDA, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Lydia Meisen 486-1495	\$295,000	1405 GRAND AVE, 3bd/2ba w/auipr, new kitchen, yard Mason-McDuffie, Marshall 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4	\$339,000
1011 DOVER, 2bd/1ba cozy cottage, huge yard/garden Mason-McDuffie, C. Bentson 845-0200 SUNDAY 1-4	\$115,000	1322 CARLOTTA, 2bd/1ba craftsman bungalow, 1st open! Mason-McDuffie, Julie 524-2526 SUNDAY 1-4	\$279,500	179 OAK RD, 2bd/2ba dollhouse, rumpus, yard, charm! Mason-McDuffie, Rose 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4	\$329,500
1012 PERKINS, 3bd, huge price reduction, bright corner unit Mason-McDuffie 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4	\$109,000	2736 PARKER, Two 2bd units, fireplaces, near campus Mason-McDuffie, Terry Jue 524-2526 SUNDAY 1-4	\$279,000	RICHMOND Open Sunday	
1013 LAKESHORE AVE, Lake Merritt 2bd/2ba charming condo, frpl Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400	\$99,000	1623 BEVERLY PL, 2bd craftsman, large dining room Berkeley Hills Realty, Lior Mayer 763-5787 SUNDAY 2-4	\$269,900	6826 CLAREMONT, 3bd/2ba, 2-car garage, big lot, view Mason-McDuffie, Anna 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$205,000
1014 HARRISON #104, Well located, can be 2bd, walk Pied Ave Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Beemer 339-1174	\$97,500	2504 HILL COURT, 2bd/2ba TIC w/fab views, one level Mason-McDuffie 845-0200 SUNDAY 1-4	\$255,000	6534 ARLINGTON, Richmond View 3bd, rec room, remod kit, hwdw Mason-McDuffie 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4	\$179,000
1015 EL DORADO, 1bd/1ba lovely condo, walk to Piedmont Ave Mason-McDuffie, Mary Hanna 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4	\$75,000	2225 ACTON, Triplex, owner's unit vacant! Sandelco Properties, Michael Sandel 652-8240 SUNDAY 2-4	\$249,000	205 COMMODORE, Pt. Richmond nw listing! 3bd/2 1/2ba nr bay! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Cujak 869-4237 SUNDAY 1-4	\$169,950
1016 EL DORADO #304, Another price reduction! bargain 1/1 luxury top floor condo, grt tree-lined street, walk Pied. Ave. Stasky & Co. 525-8800	\$76,500	1324 HOPKINS, Charming 2bd, pizzazz and super areal Mason-McDuffie, Arlene 526-5143	\$245,000	464 McLAUGHLIN, R. View 2bd, new kitchen and bath, frpl, FDR Mason-McDuffie 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$169,000
1017 BAYO VISTA #204, Sunny affordable condo near shops, Kaiser Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X131	\$86,000	1378 TOMLEE, New listing! 2bd/1ba plus studio/cottage Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X134 SUNDAY 2-4	\$239,000	5506 SACRAMENTO, R. Annex delightful 2bd/1ba bungalow! FDR Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X113 SUNDAY 2-4	\$149,900
ALAMEDA Open Sunday		1904 MILVIA, 3bd/2ba completely remodeled, lowest \$ in area Re/Max in Motion, Seki 436-6683 SUNDAY 2-4	\$229,000	3765 NORTHRIDGE, 3bd/2ba in excellent condition, 2-car garage Mason-McDuffie 526-5143 SUNDAY 1-4	\$145,000
1018 CUMBERLAND WAY, Harbor Bay 4bd/2 1/2ba, marble flrs, fab yd Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$399,500	1635 SCENIC #4, 2bd/1ba Spanish Med condo w/frpl, hwdws, vw Mason-McDuffie 845-0200 SUNDAY 1-4	\$220,000	645 35TH, Richmond N&E, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$135,000
1019 BROADWAY, 2 units, each w/3bd, owner unit w/mstr bd Mason-McDuffie 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4	\$348,000	2104 DERBY, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Linda Wolan 486-1495	\$219,000	412 COMMODORE, Marina Bay condo, 1/1, frpl, view, secure, mint Mason-McDuffie, Candice 845-0200 SUNDAY 1-4	\$127,500
1020 SUNSET, 5bd/3ba by the beach, move in condition, short sale Mason-McDuffie 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4	\$275,000	3239/41 BAKER ST, 2 homes, 3/1 house, 2/1 cottage, live & rent By Owner 428-0584 SUNDAY 1-4	\$214,900	3211 NEVIN AVE, Snuggle up to the fireplace in this 3bd Mason-McDuffie, Miyamoto 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$121,000
ALBANY Open Sunday		1401 KAINS, 2bd/2ba Med, new listing! large yard, basement Mason-McDuffie, K. Janes 845-0200 SUNDAY 1-4	\$206,000	SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday	
1021 PORTLAND, 3bd/1 1/2ba, spacious Spanish style Mason-McDuffie, Wendy 524-2526 SUNDAY 1-4	\$299,500	2319 EDWARDS ST, ZERO down on lease option! 2+bd/1ba, studio in garden. Charm, upgrades. Best block in town! 339-6941 SUNDAY 2-4	\$199,000	2375 EDGEHILL CT, 5bd/4+ba, Bayo Vista, pano bay vws, mstr Pacific Union, Michelle Miller SUNDAY 1-4	\$519,000
1022 VENTURA, Sunny 3bd/1ba, short stroll to Solano Ave Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jim Resor 869-4243 SUNDAY 1-4	\$279,000	3 ACTON CIRCLE, Charming, special location! 2bd/1ba, gardens Mason-McDuffie 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$195,000	380 BREED, New listing! 3bd/2ba, 1st open! 1/4 acre Better Homes, Earle Shenk 287-9590 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$255,000
1023 VENTURA, 3bd/1ba bright and sunny, short stroll to Solano Mason-McDuffie, J. Resor 339-9290 SUNDAY 1-4	\$279,000	1310 KAINS, Berkeley 2bd/1 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495	\$193,000	2561 WEST AVE, 3bd/1 1/2ba on 1/3 acre, pool, hot tub, frpla Re/Max in Motion, Narda Hall 351-6160 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$219,000
1024 MADISON ST, Price reduced! 3bd/1ba, immaculate condition, 3br/100 lot, anxious seller. Majestic RE, Joe Siau 525-8130 SUNDAY 2-4	\$236,000	2152 ASHBY, Spacious 2bd home w/hardwoods, large kitchen, yd Mason-McDuffie 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4	\$189,700	2515 OUTRIGGER DR, Immaculate 3 1/2, view, FDR, balcony, patio Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 SUNDAY 3-5	\$192,500
1025 TALBOT, New listing, charming 2+bd on great block! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X186 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30	\$219,000	2371 VIRGINIA #2, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Linda Goldman 486-1495	\$189,500	1571 RANDY, Fresh as a daisy! 3bd/2ba, lg LR w/frpl Gadsby & Associates, Leigh 748-5300 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$183,500
1026 KEY ROUTE, Charming 2/1 w/fg plus rm, French drs to gdn Berkeley Hills Realty, Jane Allen 527-7671 SUNDAY 2-4	\$209,000	1440 PARKER, 2bd/1 1/2ba w/built ins, hwdw floors, family rm Mason-McDuffie, Logene 526-5143 SUNDAY 1-4	\$186,000	951 SAN JOSE ST, Estudillo Estates 3bd/1ba, FDR, frpl, garage Re/Max in Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$172,500
BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm		1730 HIGHLAND PL #3, 1bd penthouse condo nr UC Mason-McDuffie 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4	\$182,000	1337 ADVENT, 3bd, added rec rm, landscaped front & back yard, near transportation. Progress Investment, Fred Lui 452-0348 SUN 2-4:30	\$165,000
1027 SAN LUIS RD, Classic Med, 5bd/4ba, cook's kitchen The GRUBB Company, Jeanette Roach 339-0400	\$1,295,000	2312B PRINCE ST, Berkeley 1bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, The Long's 486-1495	\$169,000	485 CASCADE RD, Davis West 2bd/1ba, remod kit/bath, new cpt Re/Max in Motion, Carolyn Mettelmann 430-0303 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$139,000
1028 MILLER, Pano views, 4+bd/3 1/2ba Med, study, family rm Berkeley Hills Realty, Terese Ashman 841-6501 SUNDAY 2-4	\$949,500	2601 COLLEGE #102 2bd/2ba rear corner with a patio Mason-McDuffie, Estelle Kent 845-0200 SUNDAY 1-4	\$169,000		
1029 BELROSE AVE, Romantic 5+bd/5+ba villa, pool, auipr, library Completion Company, Faye Keogh 652-2133 X126 SUNDAY 2-4	\$899,000	1108 DWIGHT WAY, 2bd/2ba charming, remod kit/ba, hardwoods Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400	\$169,000		
1030 ARLINGTON, Dazzling 4/4 on double lot, gardens, swim club Mason-McDuffie, Glass/Sabine 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4	\$849,000	2700 LE CONTE #202, Move-in! 1bd condo w/parking Mason-McDuffie, Shahin 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4	\$149,000		
1031 CLAREMONT BL, Ratcliff gem with large gardens Mason-McDuffie, Glass/Sabine 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4	\$699,000	1721 BERKELEY WAY, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Jerry Long 486-1495	\$135,000		
1032 SHATTUCK, 3+bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495	\$665,000	2641 WEBSTER #3, Elmwoodcndo in move in condition! Mason-McDuffie, Karen Bevis 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4	\$95,000		
1033 ARLINGTON, Stunning rococo Medit w/view, faux finishes, 4+3 Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4	\$649,000	CROCKETT Open Sunday			
1034 ARLINGTON, 4+bd/3+ba, classic home, 2 acre pvt park, pool Mason-McDuffie 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4	\$649,000	1 CROLOONA HEIGHTS, 3bd/2ba, grt views of bay & bridge Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, L. Hassan 869-4209 SUNDAY 1-4	\$175,000		
1035 THE UPLANDS, 4+bd/3+ba Ratcliff design w/pano view Mason-McDuffie, F. Ali 845-0211 SUNDAY 1-4	\$625,000	CASTRO VALLEY Open Sunday			
1036 OREGON, 4bd/1ba plus cottage Coldwell Banker, Gabby Oander 486-1495	\$499,950	4971 HENSON PLACE, Custom 4/3, 3000 sq ft on one level Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 1-4	\$439,950		
1037 KEELER AVE, 4+bd/2 1/2ba in private setting, views! Completion Company, N. Norman 652-2133 X124 SUNDAY 2-4	\$499,000	EL CERRITO Open Sunday			
1038 SHASTA, 3+bd/2 1/2ba w/pano view! privacy Mason-McDuffie 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4	\$499,000	5810 BARRETT, 4bd/2ba new tudor, bay views, lg bmstr Mason-McDuffie, Carol 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$299,000		
1039 GRIZZLY PEAK, Berkeley 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Tricia Swift 486-1495	\$495,000	2631 YUBA, 3bd/2ba dramatic and gorgeous re-do! Mason-McDuffie, Wendy 524-2526 SUNDAY 1-4	\$289,000		
1040 SAN DIEGO, 4bd/4ba with view, superb locale, move in! Mason-McDuffie, Jacob 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4	\$489,000	608 BALRA, 3bd/2ba, GG/bay view, FDR, family room Mason-McDuffie, Louisa 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$279,000		
1041 CLAREMONT CRES, Storybook Elmwood trad'l, 3/3 +sep studio T. Ward Realtors, Miriam Wilson 652-0619 SUNDAY 2-4	\$485,000	1543 ELM, 3+bd/2ba, real Victorian, new kitchen, storage Mason-McDuffie 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$248,000		
1042 CLAREMONT CRESCENT, New listing! 4bd/3ba, it's a beauty! Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 1:30-4:30	\$475,000	7202 A STREET, Large sunny 4bd/2ba on cul-de-sac Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 2-5	\$243,000		
1043 ARLINGTON, 5bd/3ba plus in-law, views, decks, grt yd Mason-McDuffie 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$435,000	1326 NORVELL ST, 3bd/1ba, hwdws, big lot Mason-McDuffie, Emma 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$172,500		
1044 SPRUCE, Berkeley 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Nancy Reichert 486-1495	\$435,000	1334 LIBERTY, Everything new! 3bd/1ba, good lot, good value! Marvin Gardens, Sue 273-9510 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$164,500		
1045 DEL CAMINO REAL, Claremont M-in Cape Cod, large lot, 2b/2b T. Ward Realtors, Gayle Tantau 652-9881 SUNDAY 2-4	\$415,000	5382 ROSALIND, 2bd/1ba sweet and cozy, hwdw floors Mason-McDuffie, Marina 526-5143 SUNDAY 1-4	\$162,500		
1046 ROCK LAKE, Location w/Old World Charm, 5bd/2ba Hawberry Creek Realty, Ruth 524-7524 SUNDAY 2-4	\$399,000	904 LEXINGTON, 3bd/1ba, attached garage, near BART Mason-McDuffie, Anna 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$159,000		
1047 HILLDALE, 3bd/3ba w/pano view, Italian country villa, gdn Mason-McDuffie, Wendy 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4	\$395,000	3042 CARLSON, 2bd/1ba great starter, good condition, extras Mason-McDuffie 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$119,000		
1048 BUENA VISTA, 3bd/2ba, GG views, au-pair, high ceilings Mason-McDuffie 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4	\$380,000	EL SOBRANTE Open Sunday			
1049 CEDAR ST, 3bd/1ba and 2bd/1+ba, walk to UC Mason-McDuffie, Randy 527-9800	\$379,000	5940 KIPLING, 4 1/2bd/2 1/2ba large home, great areal Mason-McDuffie, Jim 527-9800 SUNDAY 1-4	\$224,950		
1050 CHARING CROSS, Huge rooms, sunny bay and canyon views Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4	\$379,000	KENSINGTON Open Sunday			
1051 INDIAN ROCK, 4bd/2 1/2ba gracious traditional w/view Mason-McDuffie 849-3711 SUNDAY 1-4	\$365,000	263 STANFORD, Kensington 3bd/1 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Gilda Waldman 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30	\$269,000		
1052 AMADOR, 3+bd/3ba elegant Tudor, lovely garden, 2-car gar Mason-McDuffie, C. Kafitz 526-5143 SUNDAY 1-4	\$349,000	PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm			
1053 SPRUCE, North Berkeley 3 1/2, FDR, bay views, privacy Completion Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 1-4	\$349,000	63 LINCOLN AVE, Gorgeous Georgian w/elegant FDR, library The GRUBB Company, Marion Schwartz 339-0400	\$929,000		
1054 CHANNING, New stylish 1 & 2bd city homes nr UC & shops Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1-5	\$349,000	420 HAMPTON RD, 4bd/2 1/2ba Colonial, fab detail, fam rm, rumpus The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400	\$875,000		
1055 CRESTON RD, Charming Brown Shingle, 3/3, pvt garden The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400	\$345,000	270 SCENIC AVE, 4bd/2+ba new listing! spectacular SF views Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460	\$779,000		
1056 OXFORD, Inviting 3bd/2 1/2ba, lg living room, FDR Berkeley Hills Realty, Tracy Sichterman 524-9888 SUNDAY 2-4	\$343,000	407 PALA AVE, Golden Gate/bay views, 4bd/2 1/2ba, level garden The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400	\$725,000		
1057 SHATTUCK, Berkeley 3bd/3ba plus in-law Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495	\$339,900	21 PARK WAY, Elegant 3-story trad, 5+ sunny bd, FDR The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb 339-0400	\$699,000		
1058 HOPKINS, 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495	\$339,000	59 PARK WAY, Stylish Med w/detail kitchen & dining open to gdn The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400	\$675,000		
1059 GRIZZLY PEAK, 3bd/2 1/2ba + a view and garden Mason-McDuffie, Chitra Rao 834-2010 SUNDAY 1-4	\$335,000	12 ALTA, Formal dining/gracious living, brkfst room, garden The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400	\$669,000		
1060 SANTA ROSA, Reduced! 3bd/2ba, gorgeous view, charm Mason-McDuffie, Caroline Slotemaker 845-0200 SUNDAY 1-4	\$327,900	331 ST JAMES DR, 4bd/4 1/2ba, 4300 sq ft, updt kit, new cpt/paint United California Brokers 838-9700 X38	\$669,000		
1061 CORNELL, 4bd/2ba and 2bd/1ba duplex, large rooms, view Mason-McDuffie 526-5143 SUNDAY 1-4	\$325,000	180 MAXWELTON RD, Spacious, pvt, stunning vw, garden, office The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400	\$595,000		
1062 CLAREMONT AVE, Pretty 3bd/2ba traditional, nr BART, tennis Completion Company, Kevin Donahue 652-2133 X141 SUNDAY 2-4	\$315,000	229 CARMEL AVE, 3bd/2+ba in central location, charm, SF view Mason-McDuffie, Patti 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4	\$529,000		
1063 PANORAMIC, 3bd/2 1/2ba Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495	\$315,000	1 MESA, 4bd/2 1/2ba w/architectural appeal, library Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4	\$529,000		
1064 BERRYMAN, 3bd plus study, double garage, charming Mason-McDuffie 524-2526 SUNDAY 1-4	\$305,000	150 MOUNTAIN, Charming! exceptional 2-story 4bd/2ba, patio/ld Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174	\$499,000		
		100 ESTATES DR, 3bd/2ba, auipr and bay view, A-1 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SUNDAY 1-4	\$459,000		



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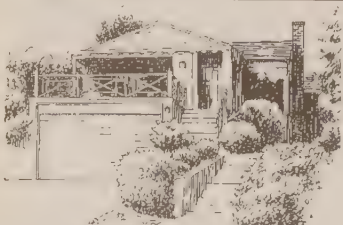
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4266 FRUITVALE. Fabulous gardens, incredible privacy, super S.F. bay view. Great Oakmore location. 2+BD, FDR, breakfast & family rooms. Don Dunning

1890 CLEMENS RD. Superb Tudor w/remodeled kitchen & bath. Bay view from large living room, 2BD plus office, breakfast room & formal dining. Chris Christensen

4107 OAKMORE. Charming Oakmore Tudor. Back on market! Buyers didn't qualify. Fixer w/great potential. 3BD/2BA plus hobby room. Wendy Callaghan

4761 DAVENPORT. S.F. view. Huge living rm w/beamed ceiling, level yard, 3BD/2BA. Attached 2 car garage. Move-in condition. Jackie Carter

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$123,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$109,500
OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 35
LOWEST PRICE: \$71,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$450,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$199,500
PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$359,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$635,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$513,000

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Park adopts program to increase camping

A comprehensive plan for increased camping programs and facilities in the East Bay Regional Park District was approved unanimously April 2 by the park district Board of Directors.

Its stated goal is to "make available for interested East Bay residents a wide range of different and exciting camping experiences."

The program envisions a regional distribution of day camps, backpack camps, group camps, family campgrounds, residential camps, and, potentially, hostels. It sets forth design criteria and general location, with the intent of convenient access for all district residents.

Dubbed the Comprehensive Camping Program, its stated policy is that all camping facilities will be located so as not to endanger the environment, will be established with the knowl-

edge and participation of neighboring communities, and will be designed to ensure appropriate access by disabled persons.

A camping facility implementation plan will go before for board approval annually, along with a summary evaluation at the end of each year.

Among the camping projects scheduled for work this year are a group overnight campsite at Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline, an equestrian camp at Chabot Regional Park north of Castro Valley, recreational vehicle hookups for off-season use at Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton, day camp improvements at Chabot, Briones, Tilden, Wildcat and Redwood regional parklands, and group camp improvements at those five plus Sunol, Del Valle and Coyote Hills. Briones is between Orinda and Martinez; Tilden, Wildcat and Redwood are in the Oakland-Ber-

keley hills; Del Valle is south of Livermore, Sunol is near the town of Sunol, and Coyote Hills is in Fremont.

Also scheduled for this year is planning and California Environmental Quality Act-required work on both a resident youth camp at Del Valle and a resident camp for disabled persons at Roberts Regional Recreation Area in Oakland.

The camping program envisions gradual establishment of backpack camps five to eight miles apart in appropriate areas, so that hikers will be able to take treks of several days duration between regional parks.

The Comprehensive Camping Program has been three years in the development. It is based on recommendations of a Camping Task Force chaired by former state senator John Nejedly. The task force convened in 1993 in re-

sponse to concerns at the lack of opportunities for youth and family camping in the East Bay.

At a subsequent workshop, the Park District Board of Directors endorsed the general policy of establishing more camping facilities and programs to serve the diverse East Bay population.

Then the task force report was referred to district staff to work out a detailed program of implementation. In December 1995 the plan was presented to the board, which referred it to the Park Advisory Committee for review and comment. In approving the plan's final form Tuesday, board members complimented all who were involved in the process. Director Jean Siri and Board President Susan Smartt commended the Park Advisory Committee for its timely work in reviewing the document.

Youth

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counseling services, better publicity of youth-oriented events and better interaction with the police would also go a long way.

"The police are a big problem. It's like a joke. Teenagers just hate the police. If we had something like a group of people from the high school play (basketball) against some guys from the police department maybe they'll see (the police) aren't so bad," she said.

Yanez noted that community organizing along those lines already exists, such as the girls volleyball team formed by a group of parents, which only need expansion and support from the city to have a greater impact community-wide.

Task Force member Charlie Prins, representing the Albany Education Foundation, said it's no wonder people rely too much on the media to dictate reality. "People are watching movies

and then saying 'well, here's a black man in a white town. A lot of these ideas (for improvement) are great, but if we don't get people to turn off their TV and come out of their homes it's not going to work. How do we break down those barriers and get people to open their doors?' he said.

That is the question the task force hopes to address in its draft Youth Master Plan due for completion in June. City Councilmember Bruce Mast, who is leading the task force's work, said he hopes the group will come up with a list of tangible action plans to address some of the recommendations put forward so far.

Once the draft Master Plan is released the city will once again seek public comment on the subject before placing the matter before the city council for approval.

AUTO SALES AND SERVICES

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by Karen Senzig

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Next to the Covenant were all those little gold plaques featuring the salesperson of the month and year. More times than not, Steve Cabela and Robert C. Wirth's

names were inscribed. There was another plaque stating that these two men had attained the status of Senior Sales Consultant. I wondered what it took to get on that wall so often especially selling the beautiful, yet pricey luxury cars of Lexus.

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and style and overall value for the \$35,000 to \$60,000 they invest in their automobile. (Somehow at that price, I just can't call a Lexus just a car, it's an investment.)

Steve says that in respect to his customers' time, it is not unusual for him to deliver a loaner car across the bridge to an executive's San Francisco office and to pick up their Lexus for regular warrantee maintenance. That is how he has earned his Senior Sales Consultant status. First of all, he had to exceed some very aggressive goals but more importantly, through an internal corporate audit, he must exceed a 97% customer approval rating, which he has. Steve's approval rating was 98%. Only 8% of Lexus salespeople ever achieve the "Senior" status and there are two right here in Oakland.

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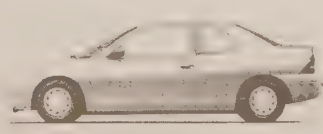


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Letters

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this project, from developing the material to publicity to counting the votes. Forgive us for not including all their names, as we wanted the focus of this letter to be on members of the Albany community who participated.

The aim of this project was to help enable students to vote when they were eligible and help demystify the campaign procedures. The League would like to have another Mock Election in the fall to coincide with the general election, and hopefully this experience with the primary will help create interest on a wider scale in the general Albany community.

Karen Carlson-Olson
Jean Safir
Albany Members of the
League of Women Voters of
Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville.

Support appreciated

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Ninth state Senate District voters:

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who supported my candi-

dacy for state Senate. I cannot find the appropriate words to convey my true appreciation for all of the things many of you were called upon to do on my behalf. I, therefore, hope you will accept this simple thank-you.

The toughest part of losing an election is that it would appear that all of the hard work done by my supporters on my behalf was done in vain. Let me assure you that nothing could be further from the truth; because in the debates which ensue between candidates, the issues get aired and new ideas get considered and discussed. If we did nothing else in this campaign than create a forum for debate, the campaign was a success.

I would also like to thank all of you who did not vote for me for allowing me the opportunity to present my candidacy to you. In American democracy only one person can win an election; and, hopefully, we all fall in behind the winner and move on with the agenda of our respective parties. I urge all of my supporters to do likewise and support Barbara Lee in her quest to become our state Senator. We have many problems in need of solutions; the sooner we get together, the sooner we can begin to collectively solve them.

I have been most fortunate in my political career, because I have had the honor and the

opportunity to represent many of you for 16 years in the California State Legislature and 5-1/2 years on the Richmond City Council. You have been most kind to me; and for that, I shall be eternally grateful.

Thank you again.

Bob Campbell
Oakland

The final nail in the coffin

Editor:

Mr Harry Kiefer of Kiefer Furniture on San Pablo said it best at the first reading of an ordinance to change the zoning of the South Gateway area of the city, including the El Cerrito Plaza, from C2 to C2a, which would require a new land use permit for businesses, —and a new layer of potential harassment from City Hall. Mr Kiefer said, in effect, that the Plaza is dying and has been for 20 years. And now, the Council, by its subsequent passage of this ordinance, has driven what may be the final nail in the lid of the Plaza's coffin.

No official representative from the Chamber of Commerce was present, and it was not until the time of the second reading that the opposition of

the Chamber to this insult to business was known. Having been caught out badly this time, couldn't one of the lads at the Chamber be, with keeping an eye on the material emanating from City Hall in order to forestall future embarrassments?

And in another development, in his two letters, Art Schroeder, of this city, whose philosophy seems to run closely parallel with that of the tax-and-spenders on the City Council, been bugling his ideas for the financial salvation of the City. They include such things as Proposition 13, changing the two-thirds vote fiscal matters to a simple majority, and some schemes to make it easy to raise taxes. The curious is something he refers to as "self financing". This has to be a City Hall euphemism for some kind of mischief that can only bode ill to the health of the tax-payer's pocketbooks. I wonder if Mr Schroeder could come forward and define "self financing" for those of us who privy to the latest in City-Hall-speak. What happened to plain English?

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General Manager, Robert Glandon and his staff also wanted to take this opportunity to wish a

fond farewell and best wishes to their Business Manager for more than 4 years, Shirley Maynor who is retiring and moving to Canada to care for her mother. You will be missed, Shirley.

Next Edition: Continental Volvo

A Retraction ... An Apology
I learned a lot about perception last week after my column

appeared on Saturn of Oakland. I want to make it clear that my column is part of an advertising feature of this newspaper and is my opinion, and only my opinion based on my life experiences, and does not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial department of this newspaper. The General Manager Bill Cox of Bill Cox San Leandro-Chrysler-Plymouth and Neil Hayes, his marketing manager and spokesperson, very

succinctly pointed out the fallacies and an extended conversation) that in their opinion that I be held "accountable" "perpetuating inaccurate stereotypes (of the auto industry) and that the article "misleading." I want to apologize to anyone that I have offended by "inflammatory directions (my) copy."

As I mentioned in my column, which I'm sure Mr. did not have the opportunity to read, *Out of Gas* is part of an advertising feature in newspaper's Automotive Section. It offers a forum for advertisers to discuss their marketing views, products, tips and ideas. I that I have clarified this and again regret any offense I have caused

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1 BED. APT. RENTALS

Oakland & Piedmont

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8500 3234 Maple, quiet, secure Laurel 6-plex. Separate entry. Appliances, mini-fridge, carpeting, drapes, laundry. Redecorated. Close parking. Quiet, non-smoking. 510/534-1341.

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8500 VERY sunny, spacious 1 bedroom, security building. Good location near Piedmont. 654-3837.

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8500 Building hardwood floors, view, laundry. 561-5979.

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8500 One and one plus bedroom, walk to shops, library. 834-9033.

8500 ONE bedroom, unfurnished, carpets, electric kitchen, dishwasher. Parking. 834-9033.

8500 ADAMS Point, small, quiet building. Laundry, garage available. 220 Orange St. 525-8558.

8500 ADAMS Point, spacious, light, quiet street. No pets. No Cable. 347 Warwick. 525-8558.

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1 BED. APT. RENTALS

Oakland & Piedmont

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8550 8575 Lower Rockledge the corner of Telegraph and Alameda, two sunny 1 bedrooms. Quiet, private, off-street parking. Eduardo. (510) 845-1134.

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Oakland & Piedmont

8550 NEAR Lake Merritt and 1580, carpet, hardwood floors, private garage. Water/garbage paid. 843-8115.

8550 SPACIOUS 2 bedroom duplex, hardwood floors, 1 car garage, on Midvale. 504-0238.

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Oakland & Piedmont

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8595 GARDEN, deck, spa, quiet, secure, laundry, furnished. Shopping, bus. Utilities paid. Call today. Non-smoking. First/last. 652-0308.

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845 Oakland & Piedmont

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Radio With Pictures: S.F. comic Will Durst once told Live-105 morning man Alex Bennett, "Alex, you have a face made for radio." But that gag may soon be passé.

A new, only-in-S.F. experiment of putting a morning radio news show on live TV is already paying some surprise dividends. For the past three weeks, KPIX AM/FM Radio's "The Bay Today" has been televised on sister station Channel 5 from 5-5:30 a.m. If you're up, you should check it out. If not, tape it some morning for a half hour. To say it grabs your attention is an understatement.

If you've ever wondered what goes on in a radio studio during the broadcast, here's your chance to find out. In fact, this should be required viewing at the Columbia School of Broadcasting ("not affiliated with CBS, Inc.")

The radio-on-TV idea is the brainchild of brainy KPIX-TV general manager Harry Fuller, who two years ago began formulating ideas on how to cross-promote KPIX-TV with its new radio sister stations. When KPIX Radio first signed on at KKHJ's old 95.7 frequency, you may recall, Channel 5's 10 p.m. newscast was simulcast on the radio. That's not unusual; it's been done before. Now it's exactly the opposite — the radio is on TV. KPIX exec John Catchings, who set up the two-camera operation in the radio studios — soon to be three cameras — says, "As far as I know, no one else in the country is doing it."

KPIX co-anchor John Evans says he's been told by management "not to play to the camera," even though he's held up a CD from time to time. His co-anchor, BBC alumna Jackie Brambles, looks good on-screen, though one co-worker tells me

"Jackie's not thrilled with being on TV."

One local TV anchor who's seen the offbeat radio telecast chuckles, "These are two people who look like they don't want to be on TV at 5 a.m."

But Evans disagrees, saying, "I'm having lots of fun. I love the idea. I even got a new haircut." In this age of consolidation and cost-cutting, you can expect more things like this to be tried. (KCBS' Al Hart and Louis Melkonian, on TV, maybe?). "I was shocked by the fact we're getting ratings," says Evans, who usually fixates on his microphone and rarely looks at the camera. Catchings added a KPIX-logo backdrop last week to make the radio show look better on camera.

The Incredible Shrinking Newsman: Radio morning man Bennett once joked that then-puffy Channel 7 newsman Richard Brown kept looking at his thin co-anchor, Terilyn Joe, "like she was a snack." Now you can stow the fat jokes about the Canadian newsman, who's lost 35 pounds since Christmas.

"I've also lost five inches off my waist and two full suit sizes," Brown told me proudly the other day. And it shows on camera. "There's no way I can get more hair," he chuckles (actually, of course, there is), "but I can make the best of what I've got. This is TV," he sighs, "and looks count." Brown credits a new woman in his life with his sleek new image — his female doctor. "She's fantastic," says the Torontonian, "I can't give her enough credit. She's shown me the right way to eat."

Brown says he put on weight the past two years by "coming

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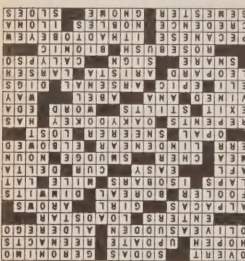
home after the 11:00 newscast, and making myself a sandwich at 12:30 a.m. I was eating a lot of junk, and my cholesterol was high."

So the newsman says he altered his eating habits and began exercising: "I run 2.3 miles three times a week," says Brown, who vows, "I'm going to lose

another 25 pounds."

Brown confirms that he's bought some property up in his native land, on Vancouver Island. His one-year contract with KGO

runs out in September, and says "I have no idea" if he'll be renewed. But if he has to audition tapes, he'll be in good shape.



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